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WILL MR. CHEN SIGN?

The Eyes of the World On Hankow.

HOUSING THE TROOPS.

Anti-British Posters in a Border Village.

On February 7 Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, and Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley, the British Legation representative, had a conference at the Foreign Office in Hankow.

This was the first meeting since the rupture of negotiations following Mr. Chen's refusal to sign an agreement while British troops were concentrating at Shanghai.

On Thursday last it was announced by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Austen Chamberlain, that agreement had been reached between Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley regarding the Hankow Concession.

Sir Austen Chamberlain explained that if this agreement were signed, the first troops from India, which were already on their way to Shanghai, would be landed in the Settlement, which he was advised was immediately necessary to safeguard British lives, but the further troops coming from England and the Mediterranean, would be concentrated at Hong Kong, and would not proceed to Shanghai unless they also were required there by a fresh or greater danger.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that the British Government could not take responsibility for safety of the lives of its nationals in Shanghai out of the hands of the men on the spot, and could not discuss this with Mr. Chen or anyone else.

To-day represents Mr. Chen's final opportunity of signing the agreement with Mr. O'Malley, but so far no news has reached Hong Kong of the document having been signed, and the question of the hour is "Will Mr. Chen sign?"

TROOPS ARRIVE.

The Anxiety in Shanghai Relieved.

Rugby, Feb. 13.

Battalions of the Durham Light Infantry and Gloucestershire Regiment, which were despatched from India, reached Shanghai yesterday. They will probably land to-morrow.

A Press message from Shanghai states that their arrival has relieved the anxiety which has been felt in the International Settlement since the mob overran the British Concession at Hankow.

It will be recalled that Sir Austen Chamberlain, in a statement made to the House of Commons last Thursday, gave an

assurance that only such troops would be landed at Shanghai as were necessary for the protection of British lives and interests.

FINALITY—TO-DAY.

Hankow, Feb. 13.

The Chen and O'Malley negotiations will be finalised to-morrow.—Reuter.

assurance that only such troops would be landed at Shanghai as were necessary for the protection of British lives and interests.

The troops from India, which were already on their way to Shanghai, would be landed there.

But further troops going from the Mediterranean and from Home would be concentrated at Hong Kong, and would not proceed to Shanghai unless required by an emergency of fresh or greater danger.

WILL MR. CHEN SIGN?

London Awaits News From Hankow.

Meanwhile information is still awaited from Hankow that Mr. Eugene Chen has signed the agreement regarding the Concession, which Sir Austen Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons last Thursday had been virtually concluded.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons of the British Government's views on all questions which have been under discussion with Mr. Chen and the assurances which he gave regarding British policy were telegraphed to Hankow, and it is hoped here that they will satisfy Mr. Chen and that news of the signature of the agreement will be forthcoming immediately.—British Wireless Service.

ANTI-BRITISH POSTERS.

Chinese Troops Across The Border.

Shataukok, the village on the border between British and Chinese territory, has lately been the scene of growing anti-British propaganda. The border line in one place passes down the middle of a street, the houses on one side being British and on the other Chinese. About the beginning of last month, soldiers of the so-called Chinese "Farmers' Army" took to crossing the border and

placarding the houses on the British side with anti-British posters. Their impudence in this respect has now reached a point where the Hong Kong Government has felt impelled to take action, and as a result route marches will be made through the village by detachments of the Borderers Regiment. These route marches will commence to-day and will be repeated at intervals with a view to restoring confidence among the Chinese inhabitants in British territory. The Hong Kong Government has also made strong protests through His Majesty's Consul to Canton against Chinese troops crossing the border to placard houses in British territory with anti-British posters.

The anti-British posters recently placed in the Kowloon-Canton railway train, it is interesting to note, in view of the above, were placed there, not by civilians, but by Chinese soldiers.

TROOPS AND HONG KONG

First Brigade To Camp At Kwanli.

Arrangements are now in hand for accommodating the British troops arriving at Hong Kong from the Mediterranean and from Home.

As already announced in the cables, the Indian regiments will proceed direct to Shanghai without calling at Hong Kong.

The first Brigade arriving here will go to Kwanli, where it will occupy the steeplechase course under canvas.

It has not yet been finally settled if the further Brigades are to remain at Hong Kong, but if they are the second Brigade will go to Fanling, where it will go under canvas on the ladies' golf course, the camp taking in three holes. There is no truth in the report that the Golf House will be occupied.

Besides having in mind to take over the Diocesan Boys' School and King's College as military hospitals, the authorities, it is understood, contemplate using the Peninsular Hotel, "the rope works, the Empress Hotel, and (after the races) the grand-stand at Happy Valley, for housing troops should the need arise.

Playing Grounds. A correspondent who signs himself "Civilian" sends the following letter to the "China Mail" under to-day's date:—

"In view of the fact that several thousand additional British Troops will shortly be arriving here for a probable stay of several months, it is obvious that the Colony's present playing-grounds are, apart from radical re-distribution and re-allotment, wholly insufficient to meet the imminent pressing need for giving numerous opportunities for exercise to these extra Forces.

"Under these circumstances, it is obviously necessary for Civilians to practise self-denial, for the general good of all, by sharing their playing grounds, in a liberal manner, with the new Military Contingents who will urgently require good hard exercise to keep them well and fit."

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WHO WON?

Success of a "Field Day."

REGULARS v. VOLUNTEERS.

"Who won the war?" That was the question that most people returning from a strenuous day's work at Fanling were asking each other last night.

The first "Field Day" of the season was undoubtedly a great success, although, possibly in view of a number of extra parades arranged in connection with the forthcoming inspection by H.E. the General Officer Com-

FIFTH \$50 PRIZE.

The "China Mail's" fifth \$50 crossword puzzle competition is published to-day. Full details are given on page three of this issue.

manding South China Command, the attendance was not as large as was anticipated.

However, sixteen officers and 119 N.C.O.'s and men paraded at Kowloon Station yesterday morning, proceeding to Fanling by the 9.15 train.

Captain H. B. L. Dowbiggin was in command of the Volunteers, with Captain D. C. Logan, M.C., as his Chief of Staff.

Arriving at Fanling shortly after ten o'clock, the Corps was split up into sections for the defence of the village against an attacking party drawn from the K.O.S.B. Camp at Louvi.

Lt.-Col. L. J. C. Comyn, 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers, and Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant H.K.V.D.C., acted as judges.

The sham fight continued until shortly after one o'clock, when the Volunteers marched to a neighbouring field for tuition, training at 3.4 p.m. for Kowloon.

As already indicated, the actual victors of the day were not determined, opinion varying amongst members of the Regulars and Volunteers.

Interviewed by the "China Mail," Colonel Bird, one of the Judges, stated that it was impossible to make a definite statement on the subject. Certain observations were made during the course of the day. "These were being 'written up' by the Adjutant, and would, no doubt, be available for publication in due course.

SNOWSTORMS.

DEATH AND HAVOC IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Feb. 14.

Snowstorms which continued unabated in Northern Japan for over three weeks till Saturday, when the weather cleared, are raging again, causing widespread death, destruction and intense suffering.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows:—N.E. winds, moderate, overcast, some drizzle or rain.

At 11.17 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan and moderately over central Japan. It has decreased considerably at Shanghai, moderately over N.E. China, and the Loochoos and slightly elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning:—barometer 29.99; temperature 59; humidity 91; wind N.E.; force 4; weather overcast.

LONDON'S ROYAL VISITORS.

Rugby, Feb. 13.

The King and Queen of the Belgians arrived in London last night, having travelled from Brussels to see the exhibition of Flemish arts.

Their visit is of private and unofficial character, but they lunch to-day with King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.—British Wireless Service.

SHARE DEALS.

Another Strike Time Echo.

BROKING PROCEDURE.

Questions of procedure in regard to broking matters formed the subject of an action in the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Acting Chief Justice).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., appeared for Mr. U. L. Ahmed Mohideen Jeweller, who sued Chan Chan-nam and Co., share and general brokers, for damages in respect of an alleged breach of contract.

Defendant was unrepresented. Mr. Potter explained that the original action concerned 1,000 shares in the Green Island Cement Company and 600 combined shares of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd. In respect of the "Ropes" a sum had been paid into court by the defendants and accepted.

The case as it now stood concerned the "Ropes" only, said Mr. Potter. On April 30, 1925, the plaintiff employed the defendant Company as brokers for the sale of 500 combined "Rope" shares. This was admitted by defendants in their pleadings. The price of each share was \$58.

The share contract, each was admitted, continued counsel, and the only points were the revenue plaintiff was entitled to, if he succeeded, and certain points which he would prove through Mr. P. Taster.

Name of Purchaser? Defendants claimed that before the completion of the bargain, i.e., July 27, 1925, defendant furnished plaintiff with the name of the purchaser and plaintiff agreed to deal direct with the purchaser.

Plaintiff's answer to that was two-fold. In the first place it was contended that no such name was disclosed until the day before the day on which the shares were due for delivery. With regard to the defendant's contention that the plaintiffs were not ready and willing to deliver the shares, there were the rules of the local sharebroking associations governing such procedure to be considered. These rules the plaintiff had abided by.

Assuming plaintiff succeeded, claimed Mr. Potter, the form of the order should be that defendant should take up the shares on their being duly tendered to him and on payment of the purchase money, in effect, the specific performance of the contract.

No Free Market. The law was clear on this point, said Mr. Potter, that where there was no free market on the date of the purchase and a seller could not go into the market and find another purchaser such should be the procedure. The only exceptions were in the case of Government stocks which should always command a market.

In the case of these "Ropes" shares, there had been no free market at the time of the purchase or for months following. In fact, said Mr. Potter, that there has in fact been no sale in "Ropes" to our knowledge from that day to this. The date of settlement was, of course, the time of the financial crisis and the Stock Exchange was actually closed.

His Lordship: Plaintiff is ready to tender the shares now?

Mr. Potter: Yes. Although any "Ropes" shares will do, according to law, he has actually these very shares which formed the subject of the transaction. Plaintiff has never been in the fortunate position of being able to get rid of them. If we could have found a purchaser at any price then your Lordship might hold that we should have closed and sued for the balance but we have not been able to do so.

Broker's Liability. Dealing with the defendant's contention that before the completion of the bargain plaintiff agreed to the offer for selling direct to the purchaser and that therefore the broker (defendant) was not liable, the whole thing was dependent on the disclosure and the rule. The plaintiff's case was that there had

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SIR FRANCIS AGLIN.

Peking, Feb. 8.

It is believed that some sort of face-saving mandate may be issued with regard to Sir Francis Aglin shortly. It is possible that this will grant him a year's leave on full pay before his retirement and acknowledge his services to China.

In any case Sir Francis Aglin had intended to retire next year.

DISARMAMENT.

Britain And Coolidge's Proposals.

RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST.

Rugby, Feb. 13.

Commenting in the "Observer" upon President Coolidge's proposal for the limitation of those classes of warships not covered by the Washington Treaty, Mr. J. L. Garvin says: "France, Italy and Japan will resist the limitation of submarines. Then how can the British Empire reduce cruisers? Again, in view of the oceanic character and the extent of the British Empire, a considerable number of our cruisers are required in peace time for peace purposes.

Would it do any good at this juncture if Britain's power of naval movement were crippled in the Far East, while by land Russia were free to send into China agents and munitions without restriction?

Are flying forces to be free to bomb naval bases, while naval forces are weakened in their power to act against nations containing flying bases? If Russian armies are to be organised without restriction, are the possibilities of naval counterpoise to be diminished in the Baltic, and North Sea and the Mediterranean? Would this make for tranquillity and reinforce the the guarantees for peace?

These are only few of the considerations which will protract the discussion and jeopardise the conclusions. None the less, President Coolidge's proposal is heartily to be welcomed.

Polishing the Seas. The "Sunday Times" remarks that the definite ratio of strength fixed in the Washington Agreement for capital ships has been honourably observed. The case for a ratio is by no means so clear with smaller ships.

Battleships and armoured cruisers are of no use except to fight fleet actions in war, and their strength may not unfairly be conditioned by purely political circumstances which are within the control of diplomacy.

Light cruisers and destroyers have their use in battle, but their principal function is to police the seas and execute a blockade, which it must be remembered is one of the means of coercion contemplated by the Covenant against any Power recalcitrant to the authority of the League.

The number of smaller craft that a nation requires depends, therefore, very much on the size and extent of its commitments at sea.

An island empire like the British with its immense merchant fleet presents a much greater target to attack than any other country.

While a fair diplomatic ratio for capital ships was easily discovered at Washington, the ratio for smaller craft that should take into account the very complicated geographical and economic considerations might well prove more elusive.—British Wireless Service.

Italy Coy.

Rome, Feb. 13.

Signor Mussolini has already conferred with the Chief of the Naval General Staff regarding President Coolidge's Memorandum on disarmament.

A semi-official message says that without claiming to anticipate the reply, it may at present be stated that Italy, in view of her modest naval programme, cannot consent to measures likely to endanger her vital interests.

Moreover new factors have emerged since 1922, like the breakdown of the Rome conference of small naval Powers and the naval armaments acceleration programmes of the great and small Powers which are at present in the Mediterranean or which might come into the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Paris, Feb. 12.

The Government will not draft a reply to the American Disarmament Note until M. Briand has given the Cabinet his views on the question.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on Sunday, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

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Booklet, containing Form of Dedication Service; Annotated programmes of the Recitals, together with Photographs of the Cathedral and Organ etc., etc., may be obtained from the Organist, or from the Cathedral Verger. Price, one dollar. Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS & VEGETABLES will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on THURSDAY, 10th March, 1927. Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 23rd February, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules are being prepared and will be sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year. Members who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 9th February, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hong Kong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board

W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 14th, 1927 to THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5th, 1927.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February to SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. SATURDAY, February 26th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th February to SATURDAY, 26th February 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

BIG DIVIDEND.

FANLING STEEPLECHASE SURPRISE.

DEAD HEAT IN A RACE.

Believed to be a record, a dividend of \$101 was paid by the pari-mutuel on Saturday, on the last race of the Fanling Hunt China New Year steeplechase meeting. Favourable weather, a good attendance, thrills and spills in the first race and a dead-heat in the second were the features of the day.

Below are given the results of cash sweeps. Tickets, were at \$5 on each race in which unplaced starters got \$10 each.

In the "big" \$1 "B" sweep on the 3rd race, the result was:—

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" 8 18.00

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No. 29 \$95.20

" 21 27.20

" 6 18.60

Unplaced Nos.: 28, 86.

Race IV.

No. 39 \$224.00

Unplaced Nos.: 23, 1.

Race V.

No. 4 \$151.20

" 24 43.20

" 13 21.80

Unplaced Nos.: 55, 37, 2, 39.

Race 1.—The Maiden Plate 1½ miles, for China ponies, that have started at Kwanti steeplechases and not won. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

Mr. L. Reidy's Isostacy, 152 lbs. (owner) 1

Mr. A. H. Potts's Two Pairs, 155 lbs. (Mr. Ralph) 2

Mr. W. F. Simmons's Smart, 155 lbs. (Mr. Wallace) 3

Also ran:—Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake 156 lbs. (owner); Lt. P. Q. Roberts's Four of a Kind 170 lbs. (owner); Mr. R. H. Charles's Teddy 161 lbs. (Mr. MacCartney).

Time: "not taken". Many lengths, many lengths.

Starting prices:—2 to 1 on Two Pairs; 3 to 1 against Isostacy; 4 to 1 Drake; 10 to 1 Smart Guy; 20 to 1 Four of a Kind. Teddy.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$29.10

Place 1st 9.60

2nd 5.90

3rd 12.10

Race 2.—The Failing Handicap, 1½ miles, for China ponies. Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, 162 lbs. (owner) 1

Mr. A. H. Potts's Craigavad, 160 lbs. (Mr. Ralph) 1

Mr. A. N. Lucey's Country Mouse, 150 lbs. (owner) 3

Also ran:—Capt. G. H. R. Abbott's Rivergrass 159 lbs. (owner); Lt. Col. F. Hayley-Bell's Tam 171 lbs. (Lt. Roberts).

Time: 4 mins. 54.1/5 secs.

*Dead heat, many lengths.

Starting prices:—2 to 1 on Mowgli; 3 to 1 against Craigavad.

Country Mouse, Rivergrass; 10 to 1 Tam.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$5.80

* (Craigavad) 6.40

(dead heat).

Place 1st and 2nd

* (Mowgli) \$8.10

* (Craigavad) 8.30

(dead heat).

Race 3.—The Tally-Ho Fox-hunters Steeplechase, 2 miles, for China ponies the bona fide property of subscribers to the Fanling Hunt. W.I. Winners of 1 race 7 lbs. penalty, of 2 or more 10 lbs. penalty, non-winners that have started twice 7 lbs. allowance. Winner a cup presented by Capt. R. G. Sturges, R.M., 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao, 143 lbs. (owner) 1

Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper, 155 lbs. (owner) 2

Also ran:—Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Spaghetti 158 lbs. (owner); Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin 152 lbs. (Mr. Wallace).

Time: 5 mins. 33.2/5 secs.

8 lengths, many lengths.

Starting prices:—evens Kwan Tao; Blotting Paper; 3 to 1 against Fireworks; 10 to 1 Spaghetti, Benjamin.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$9.70

Place 1st 5.30

2nd 5.50

Race 4.—The China New Year Stakes, 2 miles, for China ponies. W.I. Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

Mr. W. T. Stanton's Reynolds, 155 lbs. (owner) 1

Also ran:—Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Formidable 158 lbs. (owner); Mr. R. H. Charles's Chessman 155 lbs. (Mr. Bott).

Time: 5 mins. 36 secs.

Only one pony finished.

Starting prices:—4 to 1 on Reynolds; 4 to 1 against Formidable; 6 to 1 Chessman.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$5.10

Place 1st 5.10

Race 5.—The United Services Race, 1½ miles, for China ponies, open to Royal Navy, the Army, Royal Air Force and Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. W.I. Winner of 1 steeplechase 7 lbs. penalty, of 2 or more 14 lbs. penalty, unplaced starters allowed

5 lbs. Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

Capt. V. F. Browne's Bertram, 165 lbs. (Capt. Howard) 1

Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn's Rotherasay, 162 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2

Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pigg, 162 lbs. (Mr. Bott) 3

Also ran:—Mr. A. Nissim's Zircop 165 lbs. (Mr. Lucey); Comdr. E. Broadley's Urgent 157 lbs. (owner); Mr. W. F. Simmons's Smart Guy 155 lbs. (Mr. Wallace); Mr. A. MacCartney's Gyp 147 lbs. (Mr. Ralph).

Time: 4 mins. 17 secs.

A neck, 4 lengths.

Starting prices:—3 to 1 on Rotherasay, 3 to 1 against James Pigg, 6 to 1 Bertram, Gyp; 10 to 1 Smart Guy; 12 to 1 Urgent; 20 to 1 Zircop.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner \$101.00

Place 1st 11.00

2nd 5.90

3rd 9.50

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1927. CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	391' 10"	169' 10"
Tytam Byewash	23' 8"	26' 4"
Tytam Intermediate	37' 7"	Level
Tytam Tuk	391' 10"	23' 10"
Wong Nei Chung	252' 2"	19' 0"
Pokfulum	194' 10"	23' 6"
A denotes "Above Overflow."		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		

	1926	1927
Tytam	131,388	260,447
Tytam Byewash	1,200	59
Tytam Intermediate	46,400	106,900
Tytam Tuk	806,500	915,420
Wong Nei Chung	6,560	10,601
Pokfulum	25,060	21,760

Total 1,017,600 1,408,710

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January:—

	1926	1927
Consumption	218,400	226,340
Estimated Population	388,180	408,480
per day (gallons)	17.6	17.9

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts during January, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Eastern Street from January 1-30 inclusive.

Intermittent supply in all rider main districts west of Garden Road from January 3-30 inclusive.

Full supply in all districts on January 31.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Gravitation	243' 8"	143' 8"
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	13' 3"	13' 3"
Reception Reservoir	—	83.15

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Gravitation	147,98	217,24
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	52,78	95,71
Reception Reservoir	—	83.15

Total 200,74 345.10

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1926	1927
Consumption	70,17	75,92
Estimated population	153,920	158,500
per day (gallons)	14.7	15.4

Full supply in all districts during January 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to January 31, 1926, 0.22; January 31, 1927, 0.31.

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* Calls Los Angeles.
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Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
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ANYO MARU Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 26th Feb., at 11 a.m.
KITANO MARU Saturday, 12th March, at 11 a.m.
HARUNA MARU Saturday, 26th March.
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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.
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TOYOHASHI MARU Friday, 11th March.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.
SEIYO MARU Monday, 21st February.
TOKUSHIMA MARU Monday, 28th February.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
OSAKA MARU Friday, 18th February.
MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TANGO MARU Friday, 19th February.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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oil.

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very which can be effected via
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shippers will be well advised to
acquaint themselves with the new
facilities offered.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day there were 69
ocean-going merchant vessels in
harbour.

During the 48 hours of the
week-end, there were 25 arrivals
of which 6 were British and 38
departures (18 British).

STEAMERS' COLLISION.

While coming to Hong Kong
from Swatow, the Norwegian
steamer accidentally collided with
a junk. Of the junk's crew four
were saved by the steamer and
five are reported missing.

When recently the port of Ant-
werp, for the first time in history,
was visited by the 10,000th sea-
going ship to arrive in the course
of the year—the Canadian Pacific
liner "Melita"—the event was com-
memorated by the Burgomaster and
Algermen in the City by the pre-
sentation to the commander of the
vessel Capt. Notley, of a medal and
certificate, designed after a copper
cut by Hieronymus Cock and en-
graving by Jean and Lucas Duete-
cum. This certificate, the original
design of which was used to illus-
trate a book produced by Plantinus
in 1569, was printed with the old
material once the property of that
famous master printer of the 16th
century.

Notice has been given that the
Yunisian Fog Horn, at Tsingtao
located in Lat. 36.249 N., Long.
120.1653 E., is now out of com-
mission.

As from Feb. 7, the sounding
of the said fog horn will be tem-
porarily suspended until further
notice.

QUARANTINE.

Hong Kong's quarantine re-
strictions imposed against ar-
rivals from Haiphong on account
of cholera have been removed.

HARBOUR OFFENCE.

For failing to observe the rule
of the road, the coxswain of the
steam-launch "Man Yee" was
fined \$10 at the Marine Court
this morning.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 31

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st of March.
HAWAII MARU Friday, 1st April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHINNOH MARU Sunday, 6th March.
SHUNKO MARU Saturday, 19th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CANADA MARU Friday, 18th March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Sunday, 27th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOHISO MARU Middle of March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan
Ports.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU Thursday, 3rd March.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGUN MARU Friday, 15th April.
JAPAN PORTS
ALASKA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 16th February.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KAIO MARU Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 24th February, 8 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
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Claude Folkner, from Yokohama.	Falina, from Chicago.
Nrab, from Osaka.	Professor Knaptrick, Victoria, from Shanghai.
Yononila Bunhamu Tanke 71, from Amoy.	

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Feb. 10, 1927.

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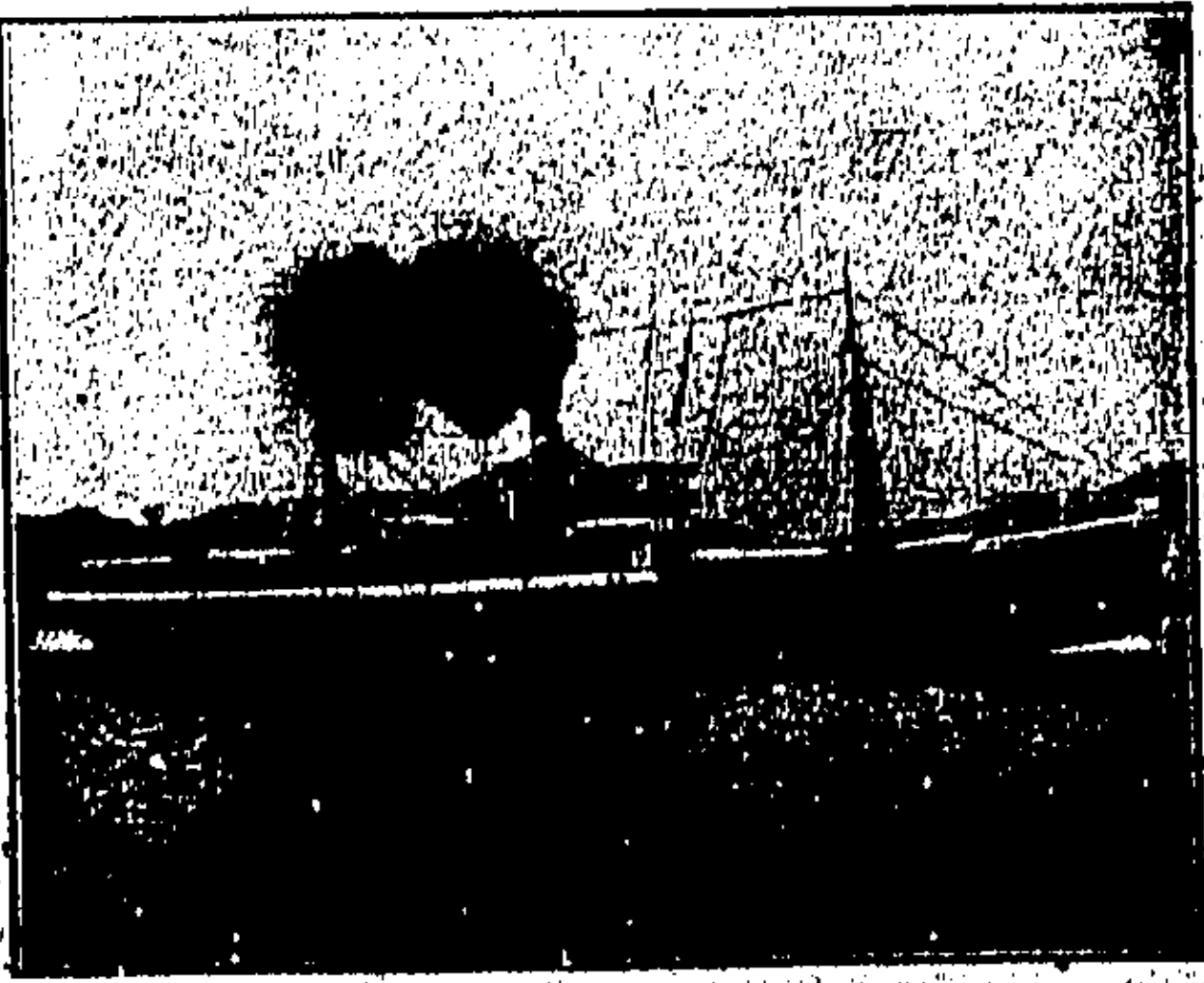
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Amaral, from Hyderabad Sind.	
Becs, 43, Central Police Station, from London.	
Dunbar, from Singapore.	
Lam, Poste Restante, from Singa- pore.	
Falina, from Chicago.	
Professor Knaptrick, Victoria, from Shanghai.	

E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1927.

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KALYAN	9,744	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,552	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NAGPORE	8,283	14th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	9,023	18th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACE DONIA	11,220	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	9th April	M'les, L'don, A'weip, R'dam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,156	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	9,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	8,553	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHIVA	9,136	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	9,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,006	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,744	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACE DONIA	11,220	23rd July	Marseilles & London

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GAMBHIRA	5,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,958	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
ARAFURA	9,000	29th April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
TANDA	6,958	3rd June	
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ARAFURA	9,000	29th July	

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MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	9,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
GAMBHIRA	5,257	24th Feb.	Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,220	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	9,000	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
PERIM	7,048	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,553	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,136	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	9,023	20th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,953	26th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

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S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	do	5th March.
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ARRIVAL.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on Feb. 14 on the "President Monroe" from Shanghai and San Francisco, were:—Mr. G. Apfelbaum, Mr. S. Bergman, Mr. C. D. Culbertson, Miss L. A. Fisher, Baron S. Guillaume, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoeford, Miss V. Hoeford, Mr. Wong Tsing-chen, Mr. W. E. Lieberman, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Midgley, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Mowatt, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith, Mr. W. R. M. Tilley, Mr. Wing-lock Wei, Mr. J. Van Wylick, Mr. R. Windeyer, Miss L. E. Windeyer.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong on Feb. 12 for Singapore and London on the N.Y.K. "Hakozaki Maru" were:—Mrs. J. S. Sloper, Mr. and Mrs. Hendry, Mr. I. B. Watson, Mr. A. Morean, Dr. J. S. Sloper, Mr. Stephens, Mr. L. E. Pettit, Mr. A. Lyons, Mr. V. J. Wilson, Rev. J. Chappell, Mr. A. W. Herold, Mr. Bulchand, Mrs. A. Nield, Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Bagby, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. da Costa, Mrs. P. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. Rasmussen, Dr. and Mrs. Phoon Seck-wah, Mr. T. C. Gibson, Mrs. P. A. Gibson, Mr. Bagby, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ruzicka, Mrs. Lyness, Miss Lyness, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pearson, Mr. H. S. F. Pas, Miss D. Grundas, Mrs. V. A. Troves, Mrs. G. F. Arab, Mr. J. E. Barrett, Mr. J. W. Farbridge, Mr. F. Elias, Mr. H. S. Luke, Miss K. Castelo, Mr. T. Hanburg, Mrs. M. P. Griffin, Mrs. F. Brown.

First-class passengers sailed from Hong Kong on Feb. 13 for Shanghai, San Francisco, etc., on the "President Taft" were:—Mr. Purcell, Mr. Chandler, Mr. A. W. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Jones, Mr. D. W. Egan, Mr. Chang Way, Mr. Lee Kin, Mr. Louis Beckwith, Mr. P. Yee, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. D. Lewis, the Misses M. and R. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis, Miss S. J. Davis, Mr. G. V. Holt, Mr. R. R. Buckfield, Mr. Ching Hing, Mr. A. Harvey, Mr. Davies, Dr. G. G. Taylor, Mr. A. W. Kent, Mr. A. Gerondal, Mr. G. H. Bowker, Miss P. Van Benschoten, Mr. H. Ukita, Mr. Yip Wing-koek, Mr. Leung Tse-wo, Mr. S. S. Gregoriv, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts, Mr. Y. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Chan, Chien-yuen, Miss Levison, Mr. K. Tideman, Mr. Sim, Tse-lai, Miss Alden, Mr. M. H. Shutz, Mrs. Jen Choo-jin, Mr. D. J. Rutonjee, Mr. Tsao Chew-ping, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Cheig, Miss Lim, Mr. S. A. Moss, Mr. Wong Tse-chui, Mr. J. W. Taggart, Mrs. P. C. Wei, Mr. H. Walker, Mr. A. Quoka, Mr. W. Baer, Mrs. M. Brandstatter, Miss L. Bashamina, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. C. Steeleck, Mr. J. Luther, Miss A. S. Mayhew, Mrs. M. A. Pick, Miss S. E. Pick, Mrs. Scott, Miss Vernon, Dr. E. V. Vayns, Mr. Capri, and Mrs. R. E. Willoughby, Mr. P. S. Funderburk, Lt. and Mrs. E. M. Quigley, Mrs. R. A. Ward, Miss G. Ward, Mrs. J. E. Goodale, Mr. C. E. Pemberton, Miss E. J. R. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Barnes, Mrs. C. J. Craft, Miss M. Gibson, Miss H. Gibson, Mr. C. Gibson, Mrs. E. Kneeder, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lipscomb, Mrs. J. L. Vina, Miss C. La Vina, Mr. C. Moise, Mrs. H. G. Moise, Mr. A. McGrath, Miss L. Ogilby, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simmie, Mrs. E. W. Wynne, Mr. H. A. White, Mrs. L. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wright, Mr. H. W. Foster, Mrs. S. S. Foster, Miss S. E. Foster, Miss E. Foster.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" from Hong Kong arrived London on Feb. 10 at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Feb. 16.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 12, at 10 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Feb. 17, at about 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanza" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 12, at 6 p.m., and is due here on Feb. 19, at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here on Feb. 25.

The m.v. "Deihi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 25, and is due here on or about March 2.

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The last of the six big gates, weighing 650 tons, was successfully placed in position at the south end of the new lock entrance, Gladstone Dock, Liverpool, after seven days' patient and skilful manoeuvring by a regiment of workmen.

A new propeller was fitted on the port side of the "Mauretania," the giant liner of the Cunard, at Canada Dry Dock, Liverpool, being kept busy. A turning machine has been erected on the docks, and a new tail-end shaft is being skinned in readiness for the stern tube on the port side. Her anchor is also being overhauled.

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Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs. 17th Feb. at 2 p.m.
Cebu via Shanghai & Moji	HOSANG	Sat. 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
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Tientsin	CHIPSING	Sat. 20th Feb. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow, Shanghai & C'foo	TINGSANG	Sun. 20th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Tues. 5th Mar. at 1 p.m.
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SHARP BRITISH CRITICISM.

Apart from other aspects of the proposed scheme for fast ships to Australia, the attitude of Mr. Bruce (which we presume, is typical of Australian opinion) to the project is distinctly interesting. If, he says, the passage to Fremantle can be accelerated by ten days and to Sydney, by 14 days, British shipowners "have got to do it."

Well, it is one thing to invent fast ships and to put them on the Australian run but another thing to make such a service a profitable one. We suppose Mr. Bruce would say that that is not his concern; he says, it appears, given the scheme of Sir James Cockburn's blessing on the understanding that it does not involve Australia in financial commitments. But financial commitments there must be and somebody must undertake the financial risks involved in the scheme.

When Mr. Bruce is instructing British shipowners on their duty he might turn his mind to this particular aspect of the case and consider that which British shipowners and British shipping shareholders provide shipping services for Australia they expect some return for their financial commitments. Moreover, if they are to continue to provide adequate shipping services and improve and develop them, they expect a little more encouragement than Australia has been affording them.

The Labour Unions.

They expect that their ships, their officers and their crews in Australian ports should receive adequate protection; that their vessels should be able to load and unload and maintain their regular schedules without being subject to the lawless and arbitrary decisions of Australian Labour Unions. They do not find much encouragement in the Australian tariff, which restricts the amount of outward cargo their ships may carry, nor in the Australian income tax law, whereby 7½ per cent. of the freight earnings on cargo loaded at Australian ports is assumed to profit and is taxed accordingly whether the voyage shows a profit or not.

Use of Port Charges.

They think that a greater degree of encouragement would be given if the charges at Australian ports were intended solely for the maintenance of the ports and the provision of port facilities, and not partly to supplement the general State revenue.

They would be more inclined to develop Australian services if there were not, as Sir George Buchanan recently stated, a disposition on the part of the Australian authorities to treat shipowners as not entitled to relief in any circumstances whatever. In short, British shipowners expect that if they are to provide services for Australia—which, seeing that the experiment of an Australian State-owned line has proved such a lamentable failure, they are expected to do—then the Australian Government and the Australian public must recognise that these services should not be hampered by laws and regulations made solely in the interests of Australian citizens, but that the laws regulating overseas and even coasting, traffic in Australia should be framed with some regard to international equity. Attention to these things would do far more to promote inter-Imperial shipping than would the mere giving of contracts for mails and emigrant traffic.—"The Shipping World."

Official sanction has been given to a scheme for installing special equipment at Marseilles for the handling of grain cargoes. The promoters of the project intend to provide "Poulson" conveyors and elevators for discharging bulk cargoes, cranes for dealing with grain in bags, and appliances for loading railway trucks; to acquire a fleet of barges and to construct silos and elevators on the West Quay of the Estroilem Dock. They also propose to build two ball conveyors, each with a capacity of 200 tons per hour, to connect the wharf at which the barges will be berthed with the silos and the mills. It is also proposed to establish

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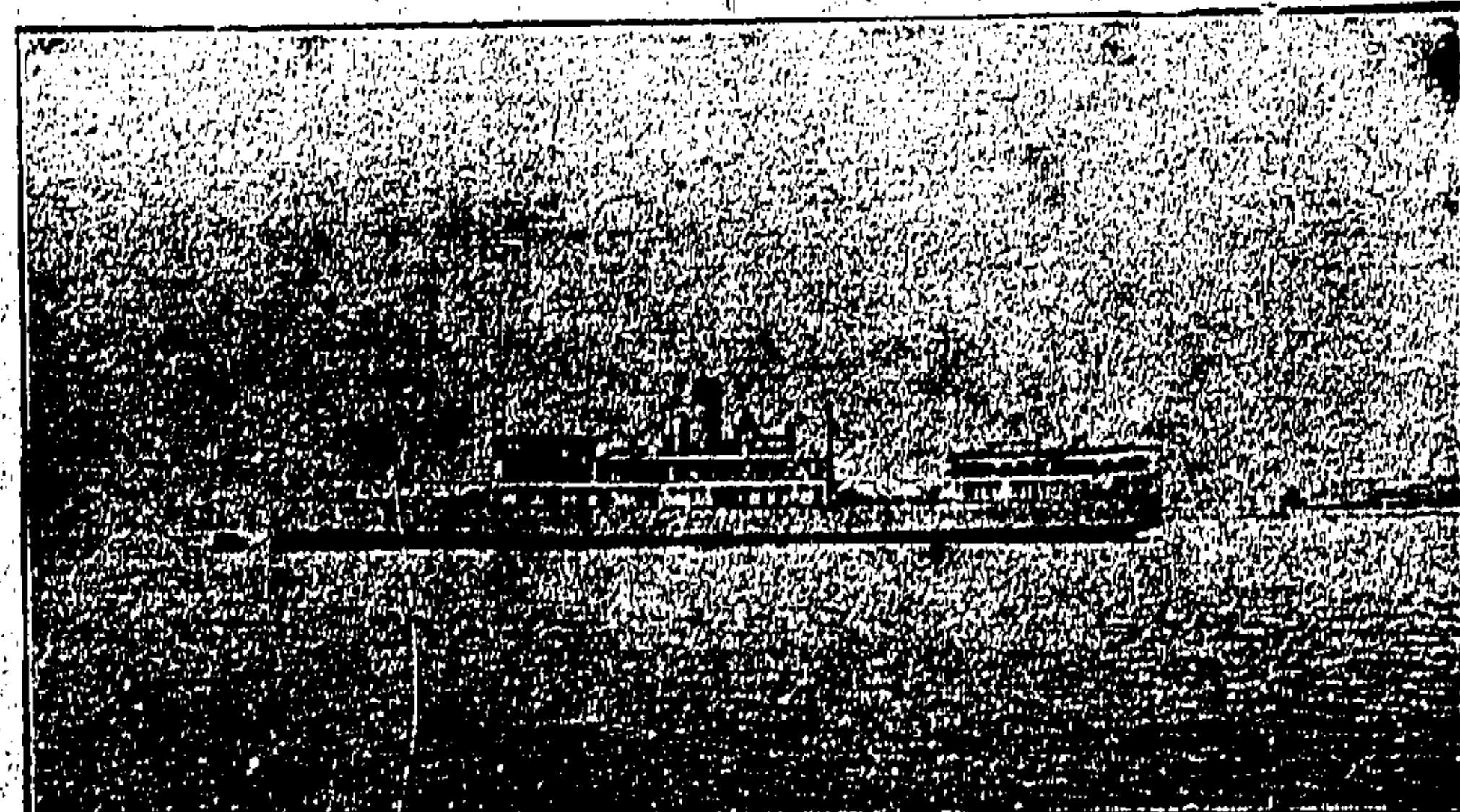
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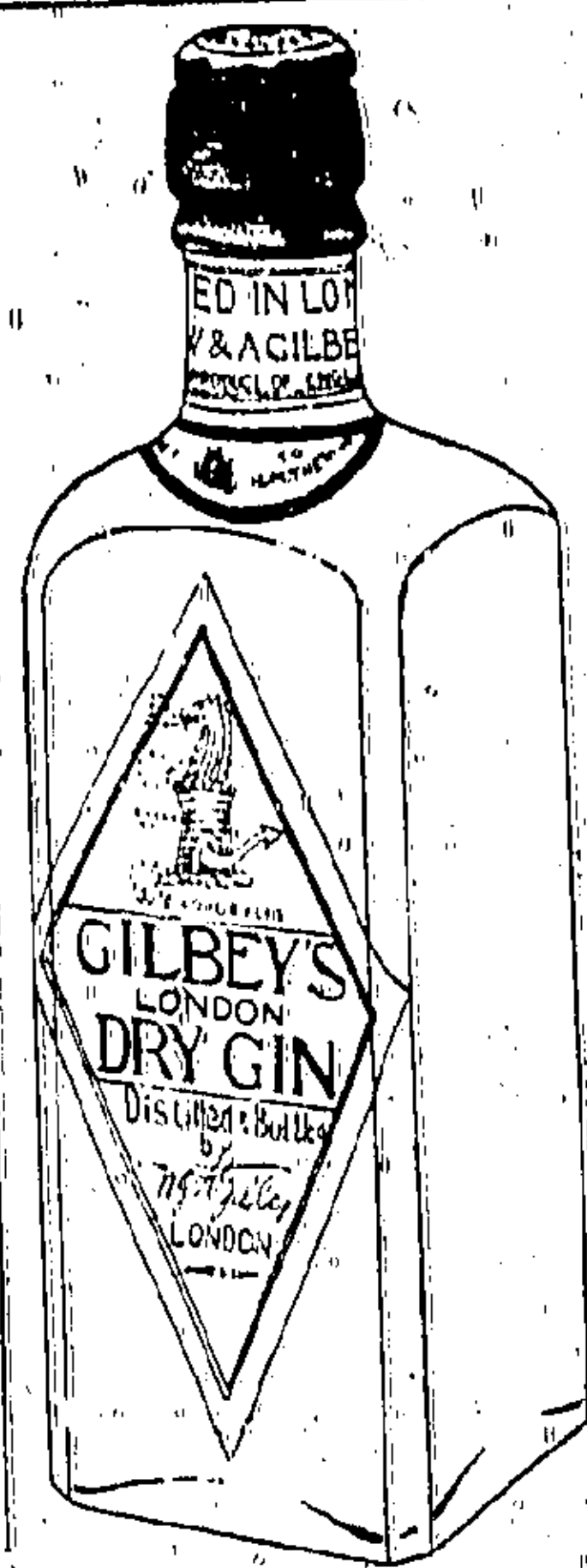


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BIRTH.

SHUGGS.—On February 8, 1927, at
American Baptist Mission,
Tung Shan, Canton, to Mr. and
Mrs. H. H. Shuggs, a son,
Harold, Junior.

MARRIAGE.

CHEETHAM-GREENHORN.—On
February 8, at H. B. M. Con-
sulate-General, Shanghai, by
E. G. Jamieson, Esq., C.B.E.,
Humphrey Cheetham, of Man-
chester to Marie Stewart
Gladys Greenhorn, of Edin-
burgh.

DEATHS.

HENDRIKSEN.—On February 8,
1927, at Shanghai, Annie,
widow of Captain Carl Frederik
Hendriksen and mother of
G. J. H. Hendriksen.

ROBB.—On February 8, 1927, at
Shanghai, Mary Pithie Robb.

Hong Kong, Monday, Feb. 14, 1927.

MUDFORD.

Such is the power of oratory
and the capacity of the human
mind for adapting itself to cir-
cumstances that Mudford has
ceased to be a fictitious place to
many of those who took part last
week in the intensive campaign
which was waged between three
parties in a mock town council
election. This much one gleams
from the impassioned speeches
that were delivered and the pre-
parations which are going for-
ward for the actual meeting of the
Council with the newly elected
members sitting with those who
were on before. The "workers"
vote was instrumental in putting
into power two "workers" can-
didates who, throughout the en-
tire campaign, brought little or
nothing constructive to bear on
the points at issue, but provided
a very necessary lighter element

them and they are asked to decide
between the risk attendant on
somewhat ambitious schemes of
development and of plunging the
town into an unparalleled crisis.
In the meantime, the successful
Socialist candidates are to be con-
gratulated and, finally, the fer-
tile imagination to which the
Y.M.C.A. speakers owe the crea-
tion of a place which has afford-
ed them so much training in pub-
lic speaking and so much good-
humoured fun and amusement.

A Canard.

The efforts by the Nationalists
to impeach Great Britain on a
charge of taking sides in the civil
war in China would be amusing
were it not that they are calcu-
lated to do grave mischief, and to
widen the breach between the
British and the Chinese. The
latest canard published in the
"Canton Gazette" takes the form
of a report said to emanate from
the Independent Labour Party in
London that a British concern,
Lloyd Brothers, are supplying
war munitions valued at ten (?)
million pounds to Wu Pei-fu and
Sun Chuan-fang. No one can, of
course, take such a report seri-
ously, and even the "Canton
Gazette" must feel that in giving
it publicity it is only aiding and
abetting anti-British propaganda
of the worst possible type under
the existing conditions in China.
Unfortunately, Chinese in Canton
who can read English may accept
such a statement as truth, or, at
least, based on truth, and they
may discredit any subsequent
denial even from the highest
quarters. It is a coincidence that
in the very same issue the "Canton
Gazette" should likewise give
prominence to a report of a re-
fusal of the British Legation in
Peking to aid the Mukden war
loan in floating a \$100,000,000
loan, based on the Customs sur-
tax, with which to wage war
against the Cantonese. It does
not occur to our Canton contem-
porary that if the British cannot
aid Chang Tso-lin to raise a war
loan it is not in the least likely to
countenance the supplying of war
munitions to Wu Pei-fu and Sun
Chuan-fang. That would neither
be consistency nor common sense.
It would appear useless to ask the
Canton paper to publish a retraction
of the munitions canard; but
at the least it might be asked to
be a little more circumspect in
giving publicity to anti-British
propaganda that is bound to re-
act sooner or later on those
harmonious relations that should
exist between all factions of the
Chinese and the British.

The Creative Business Man.

The few who work, not from
necessity, but to satisfy their in-
ner impulse, are so rare that they
are usually misunderstood. The
explanation of these queer people
who can generate energy without
a bed of live coals under them is
that they enjoy expressing them-
selves through work. Many
people can understand that there
is happiness in composing music,
in writing books and plays, and
even in addressing luncheon
clubs, but they can see no satis-
faction of the creative impulse in
adding a smoke-stack to a fac-
tory, sending ships into the in-
terior of China, or improving the
facilities for communication by
telephone. Let them think as
they please. The pleasure is
there. In short, a new type of
creative artist is functioning. He
is the business man who by some
peculiar faculty, denied to the
rest of us, is able to take ordi-
nary men and materials and handle
them so imaginatively that tens
of thousands of people enjoy a
superior existence. One is in-
clined to regret that more people
do not "catch the creative spirit"
that moves the outstanding busi-
ness man, and appropriate the
contribution he makes to happi-
ness.

PASSPORT CHARGE.

CIRCUS PERFORMANCES IN TROUBLE.

John and Steve Floris, two
members of a troop of circus per-
formers were charged before Mr.
W. Schofield at the Central
Magistracy this morning with be-
ing in the Colony without posses-
sing passports.

Mr. F. G. Vaux defended the
two men.

Mr. T. H. King, for the pro-
secution, asked for a remand in
order that arrangements might
be made for their deportation.
Mr. King thought they were
Argentinians.

Both defendants indignantly
disclaimed Argentinian national-
ity, the elder of the two stating
that they had both been born in
Wisconsin, Pa.

His Worship adjourned the
case until Wednesday, allowing
bail in \$150 in each case.

SHARE DEALS.

(Continued from page 1.)

been no such disclosure and
secondly that even assuming that
fact it was no defence in view of
the true meaning of the clause on
the back of the contract. The con-
tract in question was in accord-
ance with the rules of the Share
and Real Estate Brokers' Society
and the vital point was in their
rules of Association, in common
with those of the Hong Kong Stock
Exchange.

"This point," said Mr. Potter, "is
that if before an order is booked
by a broker you disclose the name
of the purchaser then it is with the
seller to any whether or not he will
accept such a person. If he does
accept, then a broker's liability
ceases."

Nearly all contracts, said Mr.
Potter, were put through without
disclosing the customer's name.

Delivery Order Method.

With regard to the defendant's
contention that plaintiff was not
ready and willing to deliver the
shares, the usual method of making
delivery of shares to a local broker
was to give him a delivery order.
He was not actually given these
shares because a good many were
in the Banks and against them
might be a certain over-draft. To
get the actual shares the payment
of a certain amount would then be
necessary and therefore the broker
was given a delivery order and he
got the money from his own pur-
chaser.

In this particular case, the de-
fendant had written to his pur-
chaser complaining that although
he was in a position to make a de-
livery because the plaintiff had
given him a delivery order, the pur-
chaser in question had not turned
up at the offices of Wilkinson and
Grist where the interview had been
arranged.

This surely destroyed the defend-
ant's contention that he had dis-
closed the name of the purchaser
and that therefore his liability was
at an end. He had admitted in this
letter that proper delivery had been
made by the production of the
delivery order.

Mr. P. Tester was called to give
evidence as to procedure on the
local Stock Exchange. If a broker
disclosed the name of a purchaser
in the course of a sale and purchase
contract, and the seller accepted,
then the broker was freed from
liability, he stated. The "comple-
tion of a bargain," referred to in
the rules, meant the making of a
contract, he explained to His Lord-
ship, and not the fulfilment. If
the name of the seller was disclosed
the purchaser had a perfect right
to say, in effect, "nothing doing."

In the majority of cases there was
no disclosure.

"Matter of Convenience."

Mr. Tester explained the method
of sale of shares and the making
of a delivery order. A broker was
not bound to do it but he usually
did for the convenience of his
clients. In order to facilitate
settlement, such delivery orders
were often put in the day before.
Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs.
Wilkinson and Grist, gave evidence
as to certain documents and as to
the arranged date of meeting at
his office between defendant, the
plaintiff and the defendant's in-
tended purchaser. The latter did
not turn up. The delivery order
was brought either by the plaintiff
of the defendant. There was no
question brought up by the defend-
ant as to the delivery order. As
soon as his purchaser turned up
he (the defendant) was ready to accept.
The plaintiff gave evidence on his
own behalf, denying that the name
of the purchaser had been given to
him except the day before the date
of the due settlement.

The Case Proved.

Mr. Potter submitted that he had
proved his case.
His Lordship agreed and said
that the only question was whether
to make an order for specific per-
formance. If he made an order for
damages, how would they be collect-
ed?

Mr. Potter pointed out that it
would be difficult to collect damages
at all in the absence of an available
market.

His Lordship made an order in
favour of plaintiff with specific per-
formance.

SHANGHAI MAN'S DEATH.

A cablegram from Japan has
announced the death of still an-
other of Shanghai's veteran re-
sidents, Mr. Ellis Lester Hunter.
He had been in failing health for
some considerable time and, though
the worst was not feared, it
was thought advisable that he
should go away for a health trip.
However, he became so weak
after the ship sailed that he had
to be put ashore in Japan and the
message received in Shanghai
stated that he died in the Inter-
national Hospital, Kobe, at 2 p.m.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.
A report from Calceco states
that a series of earthquakes rock-
ed the Imperial Valley this morn-
ing. Damage was confined to
buildings which were under re-
pair as the result of shocks in the
same district on New Year's day.
—Reuter's American Service.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

OPENING OF YOUNG MEN'S
CLUB.

INTERESTING GATHERING.

What may undoubtedly be re-
garded as an important step for-
ward in the development of the
religious and social life of the
younger members of the commu-
nity was inaugurated on Saturday
in the formal opening of the St.
Peter's Church Young Men's Club.
The Club building, which com-
prises a spacious private house,
No. 84 Bonham Road, is in every
way suitable for the purpose for
which it has been secured, con-
taining, as it does, a number of
large, airy rooms, which have been
admirably fitted up for use as a
place where young men may meet
together socially.

A large number of members of
the Club and their friends attend-
ed its formal opening on Saturday
afternoon, among whom were no-
ted, the Revs. H. Copley Moyle,
M.A. (Vice-President of the Club),
N. V. Halward, M.A. (Chairman),
Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., and
Lady Pollock, Mr. W. L. Pat-
tenden, the Rev. C. B. Shann,
M.A. (Warden of St. John's Hall,
University of Hong Kong), Prof. L.
Foster, Mr. Paul Lauder, and many
others.

Shortly after 4.30 p.m., those
present assembled in the entrance
hall where, at the invitation of Mr.
Halward, the Rev. Copley Moyle
offered a short dedicatory prayer.

Tribute to Mr. Zimmern.

Addressing the company, Mr.
Moyle said that, as Vice-President
of the Club, and in the absence of
his Lordship Bishop Duppuy, who
was unavoidably absent owing to
illness, he was very pleased to wel-
come so many members and visi-
tors upon the occasion of the
formal opening of the Club.

"I think we must one and all
congratulate Mr. George Zimmern
upon the consummation of his pro-
ject," continued Mr. Moyle. "When
Mr. Zimmern first mooted the idea,
many people thought that it was
quite impossible to carry it
through. But Mr. Zimmern has
stuck to it right through and in
spite of difficulties almost in-
numerable has brought it into be-
ing. It is fitting that we should
all acknowledge his splendid work."

"We welcome our visitors and
hope that we shall see more of
them in future. I would ask
you to go upstairs and have a look
round. I am afraid that we pre-
sent our best appearance down-
stairs, but that leads me to ask you
to think of us if you have any spare
chairs or tables that you do not
want. I can assure that they
would be very welcome to this
Club."

Responding to numerous calls for
a speech, Mr. Zimmern said that
he did not deserve all the good
things Mr. Moyle said about him.
Mr. Peter Pau, his colleague, had
shared the burden of the work,
and on behalf of Mr. Pau, he would
like to thank all for their presence
upon that occasion.

Poetic Licence.

"Your sentiments are coloured
by your kindness," continued Mr.
Zimmern, "I cannot regard it as
mere prose, but as poetic licence.
It tells me how much we have to
live up to. The promoters of the
Club started it in the hope that
it would help young people to
prosper. The world cannot be
right until the young men and
women of the world are right."
(Applause.)

In conclusion, Mr. Zimmern said
that he wished to thank everyone
who had in any way assisted in
bringing the Club into being. With-
out their help the formal opening
would not have taken place for
many months to come.

Three hearty cheers for Mr.
Zimmern brought the formal open-
ing proceedings to a close.

An excellent tea was provided to
the accompaniment of the St.
Peter's Church Orchestra, which also
rendered an appropriate selection
of numbers afterwards, when danc-
ing was indulged in and Mr.
Reginald Spong gave an excellent
exhibition of the "Charleston,"
which was received with loud ap-
plause.

\$500 CHEQUE CASE.

The case in which a Chinese
clerk, arrested in the act of at-
tempting to cash a forged cheque
for \$500, purporting to bear the
signature of Mr. W. A. Butterfield,
was again mentioned in Mr. Lind-
sell's Court at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning, when Det. Sgt.
Baker asked leave to add two fur-
ther charges against the accused.
Addressing his Worship, Sgt.
Baker said that he had been asked
to apply for a remand in order
that Mr. T. H. King, Director of
Criminal Intelligence, might take up
the case with a view to its subse-
quent commitment to the Sessions.
A remand for two days, in police
custody was granted.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION.

Charged with disorderly conduct
and street-fighting, two Chinese
caused some amusement in Court
this morning by demonstrating in
the dock what took place in the
street.

After hearing Police evidence,
his Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindsell)
said that as the defendants had
been locked up since Saturday they
would be discharged with a caution.
If, however, they were
brought to Court again for a simi-
lar offence, they would be sent to
jail.

CHINA MERCHANTS.

Plight of Discharged Officers.

MANY WITHOUT HOMES.

Shanghai, Feb. 8. The seventy foreign officers of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. who were thrown out of employment at practically a day's notice when their services with the company were terminated on Tuesday last, are faced with a desperate situation. The majority of them have wives and families either in Shanghai or at home, and in view of the present economic situation in Shanghai and elsewhere in China there seems little prospect of their securing employment of any kind to tide over the crisis.

Refused Sleeping Accommodation. Many of the discharged officers have no homes in Shanghai and have been accustomed to living on board the vessels when in port; but even this privilege has been denied them now. They have been cut adrift with a month's pay at short notice and with the unwelcome prospect of looking for a home for an indefinite period. Efforts were made by Mr. W. E. Kirby, secretary of the China East Officers' Guild, to secure permission from the company to allow the discharged officers to sleep on board the idle vessels and occupy their former cabins without any obligation to the company either in respect of food or payment, but this has been resolutely denied them by the company.

Three reasons have been put forward for this refusal, namely, that in the event of permission being granted the foreign officers there would be a similar demand by the discharged Chinese seamen and others which would have to be refused. Secondly, owing to the military situation, with only the master of the vessel and the chief engineer left to take care of the vessels with a crew of six sailors, there was less likelihood of the vessels being commandeered.

Promise To Take Officers Back. These, and one or two minor reasons, were given for the refusal of the request; but Mr. Fu Siao-en, managing director of the company, stated that he would give his personal guarantee that the men who had been discharged, under the same conditions and on the same rates of pay at the end of the trouble and as soon as there was any possibility of the company resuming operations. An attempt is to be made to get the other directors to agree to the same thing.

This situation arose out of the company's decision to discharge all junior officers on vessels belonging to the company at present lying idle in Shanghai. This was effected on February 1 when the men received a month's salary for the period ended January 31 and no notice was given. Thus, approximately 70 foreign officers and several hundred Chinese were forced "on the beach" and are likely to remain there for some time unless they have the good fortune to secure other positions. Many of them are prepared to struggle along on what little savings they may have, in the hope of being re-installed in the near future; but there are others who fear that there is little prospect of this in view of the present financial position of the company. All the discharged officers are of junior rank, but that does not necessarily mean that they have not given lengthy service to the company. Some of them were even on the eve of retirement after long and faithful service. Their prospects of a pension and passage home seem very remote.

Masters' On Half Pay. The masters and chief engineers of the vessels in Shanghai have been retained for the time being on the company's service, but on half pay only.

The company has been forced to take these drastic steps owing to the continued commandeering of its ships by the military in various parts of the Yangtze Valley and Canton for troop movements and other military operations. The resultant loss of trade has forced the company to the wall and the threat of bankruptcy hangs over its head if the same set of circumstances continue. Sooner than have the vessels commandeered by the military the company decided to tie up many of them and, as a result, every officer and man who is not absolutely essential for the safe-keeping of the vessels has been dispensed with.

The position with the discharged men is extremely serious and there is a feeling among many of them that services with the company have been definitely terminated. Some are prepared to struggle along hoping for the best but others would like to know definitely whether their services will be required again in the event of the company resuming operations.

This assurance has been definitely given by Mr. Fu Siao-en, according to Mr. W. E. Kirby, but the assurances of the other directors would relieve the suspense of the men who have assisted in bringing prosperity to the company by their devoted service to its interests at all times.—"Shanghai Times."

Arrested for assaulting a tramway conductor, a Chinese failed to put in an appearance when the case was called at the Central Magistracy this morning. His bail of \$25 was estreated by order of the Magistrate.

ROYAL GIFT.

DESPATCH BOXES FOR CANBERRA.

AUSTRALIA'S LUCK.

Rugby, Feb. 13. It is understood to be the King's intention to present to the Commonwealth of Australia new buildings, which the Duke of York will shortly open on behalf of His Majesty at Canberra, a pair of despatch boxes which stand on a table in front of the Speaker's Chair at Westminster presented by the British Government to the sister Parliament of Australia. When His Majesty expressed his wish to make a personal gift to the new Government buildings and suggested the despatch boxes, the offer was warmly received and accepted.—British Wireless Service.

A LONG FLIGHT.

MARQUIS DE PINEDO'S PLANS UNCERTAIN.

Rome, Feb. 13. The Marquis de Pinedo, who was reported a week ago to be planning another world flight, has left for Sardinia on a flight to Brazil. His plans are uncertain, but he has apparently modified his previous intentions. Probably he will fly to South America and return home via the United States and the Azores.—Reuter.

Rabat, Feb. 13. The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived here.

LINER ASHORE.

THE "CITY OF TOKYO" NOW REFLOATED.

London, Feb. 13. The liner "City of Tokyo" has been refloated. Apparently she has not been damaged. She has left for London.—Reuter.

The First News. London, Feb. 13. The German liner "City of Tokyo" from China and the Malay States, has gone ashore near the Goodwins in a fog. There is no immediate danger. Five tugs unsuccessfully attempted to tow her off yesterday evening, and a further attempt will be made to-day.—Reuter.

WOMEN WARRIORS.

Managua, Feb. 12. During the fighting at Chinandega the Nicaraguan Conservatives were helped by a battalion of women, headed by Senorita Natalie Garcia, a girl, twenty years of age.

The battalion worked feverishly passing ammunition to the men in the trenches, cleaning the guns and distributing food under fire. Sixteen women were wounded. Natalie Garcia was struck by a bullet in the left breast and seriously wounded.—Reuter's American Service.

Battle-Torn Town. Washington, Feb. 12. Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, has ordered both the United States cruisers in Nicaragua to waters to despatch all their available tinned milk to the battle-torn town of Chinandega, where the people are reported to be greatly distressed, with the children starving.

The town has been taken and retaken by the opposing Conservative and Liberal Nicaraguan forces twice, and has been bombarded two days this week.

Nine blocks of buildings have been destroyed, and it is estimated that three hundred people have been killed and five hundred wounded on both sides of the struggle.

The medical staff of one of the American cruisers has proceeded to the town.—Reuter's American Service.

DRAMATIC ARREST.

Shanghai, Feb. 12. The "North China Daily News" understands that Mr. Francis Zia, Managing Editor of the "China Courier" has been sentenced by the military authorities to three and a half years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

LISBON NOW NORMAL.

Lisbon, Feb. 11. The city is now normal. Banks have re-opened and the trams are circulating as usual.—Reuter.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Monsignor Tsu, one of the recently consecrated Chinese Bishops, has left Marseilles for China aboard the "General Metzinger".—Reuter.

The Hague, Feb. 13.—The famous Dutch Islamist, Doctor Snouck Hurgronje, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, was presented with funds for the Snouck Hurgronje Foundation, to which Holland, the native princes of the Indies and scientists all over the world contributed.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

MR. AVENELL OF LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

A POPULAR RESIDENT.

News of the death of Mr. George William Avenell was received by a large circle of friends yesterday with the deepest regret.

Mr. Avenell was on the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford and his outside interests had also brought him into contact with many who were attracted by his refreshing personality and the zeal with which he threw himself into interests with which he had associated himself.

Mr. Avenell was taken ill with typhoid about a fortnight ago and had been in a critical condition during the past week. He passed away early yesterday morning.

Mr. Avenell was 46 years of age. His first association with Hong Kong was when he arrived here in 1902 with the Sherwood Foresters with which Regiment he had served in the South African War, gaining the D.C.M. for carrying on with a machine gun after all the rest of the party had been killed. He was wounded in the ankle and walked with a slight limp for the rest of his days.

After service with the Sherwood Foresters, Mr. Avenell received a Government appointment as Armourer Sergeant to the Hong Kong Police force and the local Volunteer Corps.

In March, 1918, Mr. Avenell joined the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford and at the time of his death was manager of the ships' chandlery department.

Sympathetic reference to Mr. Avenell's death was made yesterday by Mr. J. H. Hunt, Secretary, at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, of which institution Mr. Avenell was one of the first resident members.

Mr. Avenell had also keenly identified himself with the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. He was a good golfer and was formerly on the committee of the old Kowloon Golf Club.

These institutions have their flags flying at half-mast. Deceased leaves a widow and daughter at home to whom the deepest sympathy will go out.

Mrs. Avenell was formerly Miss Coleman, daughter of Mr. Coleman, for many years at the Green Island Lighthouse. The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m. In all probability the deceased will be laid to rest with military honours. Volunteers will also be present.

EDITOR'S ARREST.

CANADA'S FIRST CASE OF BLASPHEMY.

RESULT OF CRITICISM.

London, Jan. 26. Toronto.—Canada's first blasphemy case will be threshed out in higher court to which Ernest Victoria Sterry, Editor of a Rationist publication, the "Christian Emancipator," has been committed for trial from a Magistrate's Court. Sterry, who is English-born, was arrested a fortnight ago on the charge of blasphemous libel against the Deity in his references to passages in the Old Testament.

MOTOR BANDITS.

JEWELLER'S SHOP RAIDED IN DAYLIGHT.

London, Jan. 24. Three years ago the widow of a jeweller's shop in Kensington High Street was smashed one morning by motor bandits, who escaped with jewellery worth £4,000. The bandits were never captured.

To-day, women shoppers and passengers of omnibuses witnessed a repetition of the feat. A motor car containing two men drove up to a shop, one alighted and smashed the window with a mallet, grabbed a tray containing diamond rings to the value of £1,500, re-entered the car and drove off with a mounted constable in pursuit. The bandits escaped.

BANISHED.

MAN WHO SLAPPED HIS PREMIER'S FACE.

London, Jan. 26. Geneva.—Ivan De Justh has been sentenced to 24 days' imprisonment, which he has already served, and has been fined 500 francs and banished for 10 years.

[De Justh created a sensation at a meeting of the League of Nations on June 10th last, by rushing into the room and slapping the Hungarian Premier, Count Bethlen, across the face, shouting "That's on behalf of the Hungarian nation!"]

WILL MR. CHEN SIGN?

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"There are also several hundred additional Naval men in the Colony to be provided for."

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Chang Kai-shek and Safety of Foreigners.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities. The situation at Hankow remains quiet.

Posters have been placed in the Concession at Hankow protesting against the proposed Sino-British Council (to run the British Concession at Hankow).

A proclamation has been posted up at Kiukiang under the instructions of General Chang Kai-shek ordering the evacuation of all foreign premises and calling for the protection of foreigners and of their properties under severe penalties for non-compliance.

British ships at Nanking have been stopped by rifle fire and examined by the local authorities without notice having been given. A protest in regard to this action is being made.

Over a hundred missionaries have left Ichang for down-river. About 4,000 troops have been sent to Chang Liow by train from Chinkiang and empty troop ships are awaiting others (presumably for the same destination).

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The League And The Nationalist Government.

Geneva, Feb. 13. There is no truth in the report that the League of Nations is endeavouring to get into contact with the Chinese Nationalist Government. League circles point out that they recognise only one China, which is already represented, and the League could not make any initiative in the affairs of China. Anyhow, no action can be taken without a decision by the Council or Assembly of the League.—Reuter.

Forces for China. Malta, Feb. 12. The aircraft carrier "Argus" and the cruiser "Dauntless" have left for China.—Reuter.

American Marines. Washington, Feb. 12. The Navy Department has informed President Coolidge that the detachment of American Marines for Shanghai will be distributed among the American warships there, and will not land unless the emergency arises.—Reuter's American Service.

Destroyers on the Way. Gibraltar, Feb. 12. The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla has arrived en route to China. It is not expected to resume the voyage before Monday.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS PROBLEM.

Nationalist Government Appoints Commission.

Hankow, Feb. 12. The Nationalist Government has appointed a commission consisting of Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. Sun Fo, to investigate and report on the new situation in connection with the Customs, created by the dismissal of Sir F. Aglen, which is regarded as a challenge from the Peking Government.

It is officially stated that the Nationalist Government does not recognise the appointment of Mr. Edwards as Sir Francis Aglen's successor.—Reuter.

Northern Scheme. Peking, Feb. 13. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Tientsin has notified the Consuls that the Chinese Superintendent of Customs has been appointed Director for the collection of the surtaxes, which he will commence levying immediately. Any surtax paid in to the Maritime Customs will not be regarded as legal.

A Surtax Bureau will be opened at the branch office of the Bank of Communications in the Customs compound. It is believed the same policy will be adopted in other northern ports, thus obviating the difficulty of attempting to compel the Foreign Customs officials to collect the surtax, which led to Sir F. Aglen's dismissal.

The Japanese Consul at Tientsin has protested, but the British and American Consuls do not intend to protest.—Reuter.

CHINA STRIFE.

Fighting Among Allied Troops.

Peking, Feb. 12. The Ankuochun Headquarters, interviewed by Reuter this morning, admit that there is some truth in newspaper reports of fighting between Fengtien troops and Wu Pei-fu troops in Honan. They say the fighting is due to a misunderstanding by subordinates.

The Fengtien troops disarmed certain Wu Pei-fu troops who attempted to prevent the advance to Chengchow.—Reuter.

Because Wu Pei-fu has failed to advance southwards against the Cantonese—owing to dissension in his camp—Chang Tso-lin has taken it on himself to send some troops into Wu Pei-fu's territory, where, as the cable indicates, they have been resisted.

"IMPROPERLY ADDRESSED."

Mr. Chen and American Proposals.

Hankow, Feb. 11. It is understood that the Nationalist Government is not replying to the American Government regarding the proposals for the neutralisation of Shanghai on the ground that the proposals were improperly addressed, regarding which it is believed Mr. Eugene Chen, is making a statement in the course of a few days.

Postal Flat. The National Ministry of Communications has sent an order to M. Picard de Stelan to the effect that in all territories under the Nationalist Government the postal commissioners of all districts shall be appointed by the Nationalist Ministry of Communications and no commissioners appointed by Peking will be allowed to assume or continue office.—Reuter.

INDIA & WORLD COURT.

Geneva, Feb. 12. Lord Birkenhead has informed Sir Eric Drummond that arrangements have been made to inform the United States Government that India associates herself with the terms of the British Note on the subject of the American reservations with regard to accession to the permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 14—Queen's Theatre: "The Flower Duet."
February 14—World Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."
February 14—Star Theatre: "Lost & Found."
February 16—Concert at the Cannossian Institute, Caine Rd., 5.30 p.m.
February 18—K.C.C. Dance at Savoy Hotel.
February 19—H.M.S. "Hermes" dance at Hotel Savoy.
February 23 & 25—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capell's pupils, 5.15 p.m.
February 26—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capell's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 23—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
March 5—Next Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.
February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.
February 15—Annual meeting of Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, 8 p.m. at the Club.
February 23—Benevolent Society Meeting, City Hall, noon.
February 24—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.
February 25—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.
February 26—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3.30 p.m.
March 4—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.
March 5—Thirty-eighth meeting of Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.
March 7—Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.
Auctions.
February 15—Auction of 566 bales old-newspaper, Godown No. 6, H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 11 a.m.
February 17—At 86, Nathan Rd., (Ground floor) Kowloon, auction of household furniture by Messrs. Lammet Bros., 2.45 p.m.
February 18—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Chinese Curios, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 15—Annual "sale" of work Mother's Union, Helena May Institute, 2.30 p.m.
February 16—Dedication of reconstructed organ, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
February 15—Local Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation dinner to Eastern Chinese team from Shanghai, S. China Restaurant, (China Bldg.), 8 p.m.
February 18 & 25—Organ Recitals, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
February 21—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Hotel Savoy, 4.45 p.m.
March 4—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
March 10—Annual show of flowers and vegetables, Volunteer Headquarters.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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The language school for teaching the Cantonese dialect has now been started at the Hong Kong University. Instruction is given daily (except Sundays) from 9 a.m. to noon. Particulars of fees are advertised.

A lot of old newspapers (556 bales), more or less damaged, will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammer Bros. at No. 6 Godown, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

At the weekly meeting of the Hong Kong centre of the Order of the Star in the East yesterday at No. 7, Duddell Street, Mr. H. E. Lanpart gave an address on "The Taking of a Body by the World Teacher."

Reminder: annual sale of work, Mothers' Union, at the Helena May Institute to-morrow beginning at 2.30 p.m. Many useful articles will be on display.

"As nobody claimed it, I took it," said a Sanitary Department coolie charged before Mr. Lindsay this morning with the theft of a plank of timber—5 or seven days.

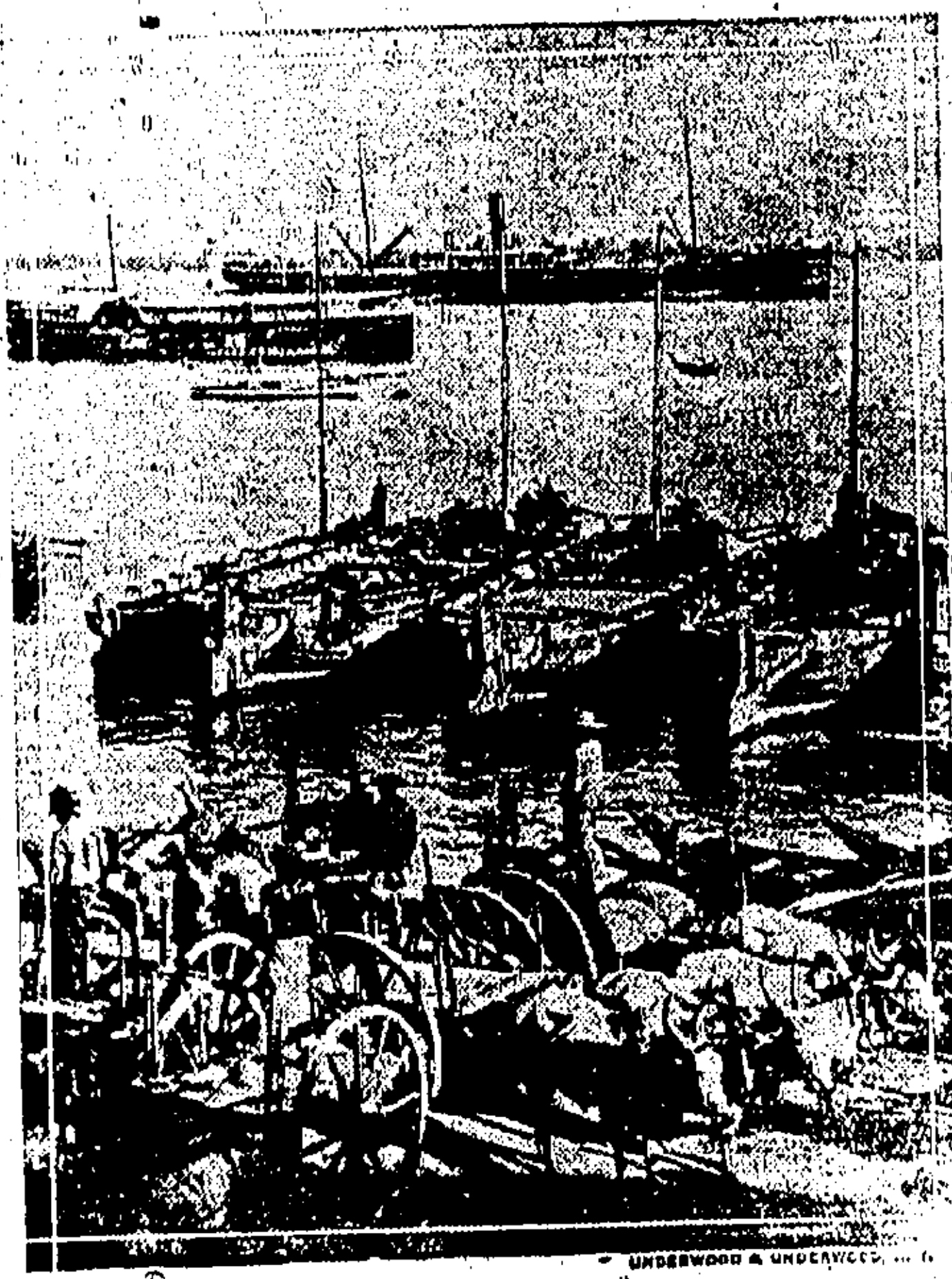
The return of notifiable disease in the Colony for Saturday and Sunday comprised a Chinese case of small-pox from the city and a Chilean case of puerperal fever from Kowloon.

The funeral of Mrs. Belliza J. Pereira Noronha, whose death occurred on Saturday at her residence at No. 38, Jordan Road, took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, many friends and relatives attending. Mrs. Noronha was the wife of Mr. S. Noronha, formerly of Shamen, Canton.

Considerable excitement was caused at the taxi stand outside the Post Office yesterday afternoon when one of the taxis suddenly burst into flames. A watchman broke the glass fire alarm in the neighbourhood and four appliances came dashing to the scene. The blaze was extinguished with patent fire extinguishers. The chauffeur escaped unhurt.

From an advertisement elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that the Kowloon Cricket Club is holding another dance, at the Savoy Hotel on Friday evening. The previous three dances this season have been an unqualified success, and have done much to bring the members and their friends together in a social capacity. Tickets for Friday are already selling well. These can be had at the Club house.

The British India Steam Navigation Company has decided to immediately raise \$2,000,000 new capital by the issue of 10,000 5½ per cent. cumulative preference shares of \$100 each, as authorised in 1924, and a similar issue created. This decision was reached at a meeting of shareholders on Jan. 27. The latter shares will rank pari-passu with the first-named, also with the existing 700,000 5 per cent. cumulative preference stock. The new shares will be convertible into stock when fully paid up.



A typical scene in the harbour at Hankow.

Interesting tests in wind velocities are being made in America, on what is said to be the world's highest chimney. The stack, which is situated at Duluth, is 300 feet high, and is of reinforced concrete. Ingenious instruments have been installed to ascertain by how much it is moved in different velocities. A steel horizontal plate, the underside of which is painted like a chequer board, has been fixed to the stack near the top. This is illuminated, and the reflection is cast through a rigid telescope on a mirror at the ground level. Any swaying movement of the chimney can be read in the mirror.

Discovery of ancient ruins, arousing the hope of archaeologists that future excavations may reveal one of the most important buried cities of Mexico, is announced in despatches from Oaxaca. Traces of a city antedating recorded history have been found by explorers of the division of archaeology, Department of Education, near the village of Quitepec, south of Oaxaca. Preliminary excavations indicate the ruins of a great ancient fortified city, with a series of huge walls enclosing what may have been a population of many thousands, and a number of temples and pyramids similar to those used by the Toltecs and Aztecs.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Wei Wing-lock, the well-known tennis player and son of the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk of Hong Kong, returned to the Colony to-day on the "President Monroe" from the North.

A pretty wedding was solemnised on Jan. 31 at St. Mark's Church, Seremban, when Miss Rena Wood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wood, of Thornton, Fifeshire, and Mr. Ian Stewart Mackay, of Kuala Muda estates, Sungai Patani, Kedah, were married by the Rev. E. T. Loader, a large number of guests being present.

Straits papers say that there appears to be little doubt that the announcement of the death of the military secretary to Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, refers to Mr. Richard Bourke Osborne, M.V.O., M.C., who, for many years, was in the Civil Service of the Straits Settlements. Mr. Osborne in 1920 was attached to the Colonial Secretariat and in June of that year was appointed Private Secretary to the Governor, Sir Laurence Guillemard.

Interesting efforts have been made during the past few years to stimulate public interest in the work of clever British craftsmen who are creating new types of furniture which are destined to become as famous and coveted as the creations of the earlier masters. One of the best friends of the movement is Queen Mary. Very practical encouragement has also been given by Sir Frank Baines and the Office of Works, Prince and Princess Bionco were members of an association which carried the good news of these designs to Manchester, Edinburgh, Birmingham, and other great cities. They in their turn interested the Countess of Oxford and Asquith with the result that the versatile and brilliant "Mrs. Asquith," as most people persist in remembering her, has consented to be one of the judges of new all-British designs to be produced. British craftsmen have been discouraged by the craze for everything Jacobean. "Who was Jacob anyway?" asked a Royal Academician recently. The new move is intended to convince the public that beautiful new types of furniture are being created in our own time.

Major-General C. J. Deverell has been appointed Quarter-Master General in India.

In response to the appeal issued cape has made a personal contribution by the Vicar for funds for a Church in New Delhi, Lord Inchubon of Rs. 1 lakh.

The following appointment is notified in the "London Gazette" of January 4:—A.D.C. to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements, Lieut. W. A. Woods, D.W.R. July 1, 1926.

The Commander-in-Chief and Lady Birdwood visited Kapurthala on January 22 to unveil a State War Memorial, which is the first of its kind in an Indian State.

Among the passengers arriving at Singapore by the American mail liner "President Jackson" were Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Motz, engaged in educational work with the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, who have gone to Malaya where they will remain for several years.



Chinese soldiers burying their dead following battles in the vicinity between the Capteneko and the army of the north.

Among the passengers who landed here to-day from the South bound "President Monroe" were Baron S. Guillaume, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Mowatt, Mr. Frederick A. Perry, Mr. R. Windeyer, and Miss Lois Windeyer.

A serious affair occurred on the west bank of the River Menam as a sequel to a dispute between a naval man and a policeman, telegraphed the Bangkok correspondent of the "Straits Times" on Feb. 1. Two hundred naval men attacked the police station. The police were armed with rifles and fired. Two naval men were killed. An officer in investigation is being made.

In honour of the Eastern China football team from Shanghai, which is on a visit to Hong Kong, the local Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation have arranged a dinner at the South China Restaurant (China Building) for to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Singapore papers learn that news has been received in the Colony of the death at Home of Sir Thomas Bradwell, a former Chief Judicial Commissioner of the F.M.S., a Justice of the Peace for the Straits Settlements, and a distinguished lawyer in the Colony. He retired in 1917 and had been living at Pokinson, where, it is understood, he passed away in his seventy-first year.

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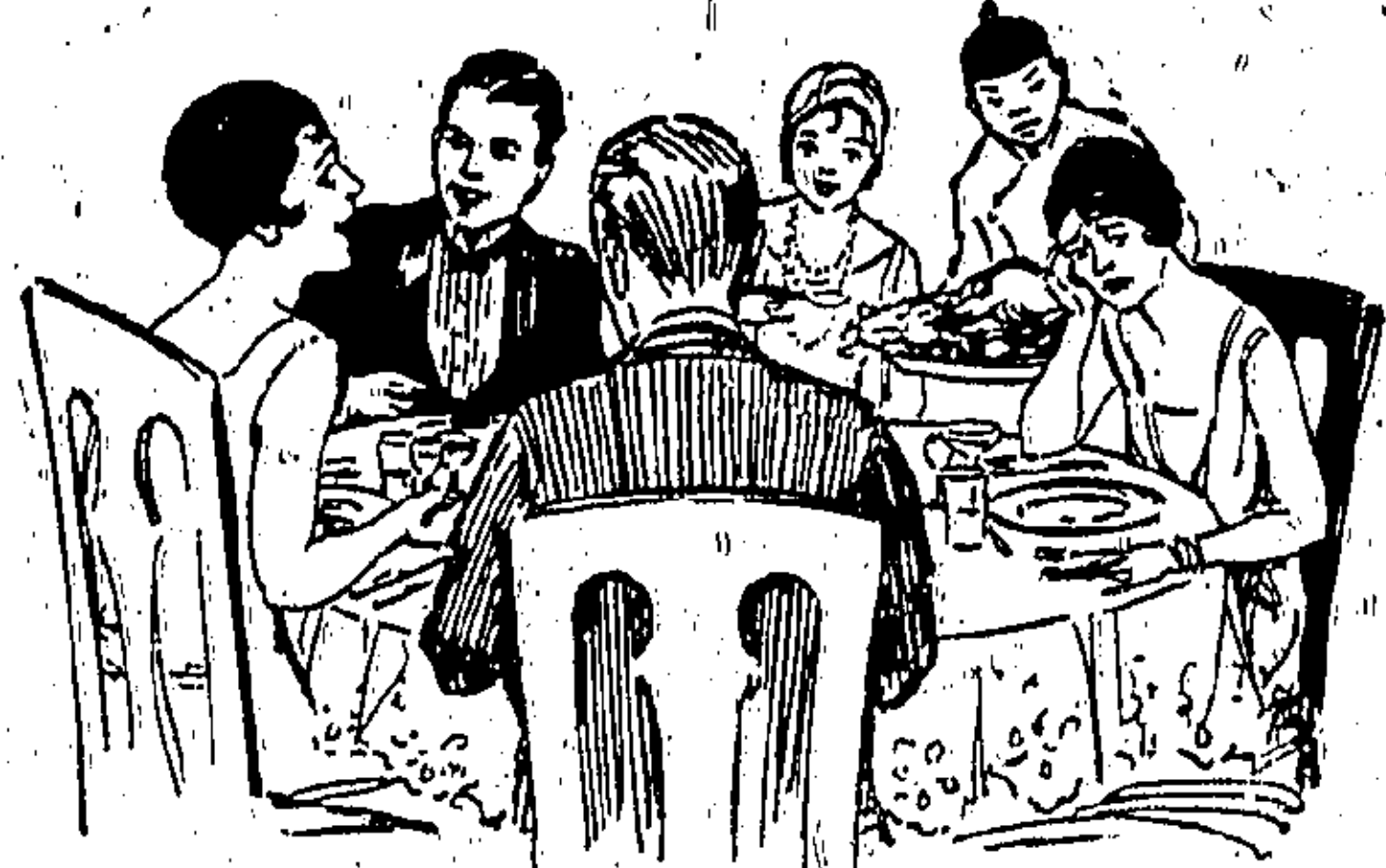
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SPORTS SECTION

SOCCER FESTIVAL.

COMBINED CHINESE TEAMS MATCHES.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

After drawing 2-2 with the Hong Kong Interport football team on Saturday, the combined Southern and Eastern China XI (presenting the Chinese of Hong Kong and Shanghai) beat Club de Recreo yesterday by 3 goals to 1.

Three matches were played in the junior league on Saturday. By defeating Kowloon's 2nd XI, the Borderers' Reserves won the championship of section "A" and at the same time improve the prospects of Chinese Athletic "A" for becoming runners-up. The Gunners Reserves beat University by a penalty goal.

Comparative Positions. In division "B," the Reserves of St. Joseph's College spoiled their chances of becoming champions by losing to the Moslems whom they previously defeated. St. Joseph's have completed their fixtures. The Moslems have one match more. Their record is—

Goals. P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. St. J. Res. 14 11 2 1 48 17 24 Moslems 13 11 0 2 38 10 22 If Moslems win their remaining match, they tie and a replay will be necessary. They have the better goal average but only points count. Should Moslems lose the draw, then the College stay in top place automatically.

TWO GOALS DOWN.

Splendid Chinese Rally in the Second Half.

Two goals in arrears at half-time, the combined Chinese team rallied wonderfully and drew 2-2 with Hong Kong's Interport XI in a five-game on the H.K.F.C. ground at Happy Valley.

China's team was not their strongest. Two forwards were on the other side and a few of the "stars" were absent.

In the selected team, Brittain (reserve) took Gossan's place at centre-forward. Teams—

Hong Kong Interport XI. goal: Clark (Police); backs: Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.);

halves: Hudson (Police), Sims (Kowloon F.C.), C. F. Remedios (Recreo); forwards: Tao Kwai-shing (Chinese Athletic), Brittain (Police), Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Athletic), McGlinchey (2nd K.O.S.B.), Brown (Recreo).

Southern & Eastern China. goal: Pau Kaping (Athletic); backs: Lo Wai-man (Athletic), V. Y. Voong (Shanghai);

halves: Leung Yuk-tong (Shanghai), Wong Shui-wah (Athletic), Choy Ping-fun (Athletic);

forwards: Li Tin-sang (South China), C. W. Chen (Shanghai), Fung King-chung (South China), Li Wai-tong (Shanghai), Ip Pak-wa (South China).

referee: Mr. A. A. Dawes, R.N. linesmen: Mr. Phillips, Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Fortunes of the Game.

In the first half there were three fouls in quick succession but there after the match was remarkably clean.

Sims, the Interport pivot, initiated the movements towards both goals for his side, McGlinchey and Tao Kwai-shing being the scorers.

After half-time Li Wai-tong and Fung King-chung replied for the Chinese.

Both sets of forwards missed chances, but the two goalkeepers, Clark and Pau Kaping, were in fine form.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Borderers' as Champions in Section "A."

A decisive victory of four goals to nil was gained by the Reserves of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers against Kowloon F.C. Reserves in section "A" of Division II.

Crawley was responsible for all four goals and played a remarkably fine game throughout. He scored after 20 minutes' play and then put in two more in five minutes. The fourth came after half-time.

Kowloon were a man short from start to finish.

This match was played at Sookumpoo and the result gives the Infantrymen the championship.

Fatal Penalty. In an evenly contested match also at Sookumpoo, the result of which was contrary to expectation, the Royal Artillery Reserves beat the University by a goal to nil.

Jobe was responsible for the score, this being from a penalty against the "Varsity" for handling.

Play was not particularly interesting and both defences prevailed.

The "Big" Match.

It was on the College ground that St. Joseph's Reserves lost by 2-nil to the Moslem Club, who had previously come down before their opponents, by 2 goals to 4.

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HOME SOCCER.

SATURDAY'S PRINCIPAL RESULTS.

IN FIVE LEAGUES.

London, Feb. 12. Principal football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal 1, Leeds 0. Blackburn 2, Leicester 1. Bolton 0, Aston Villa 2. Bury 3, Birmingham 1. Derby 4, Burnley 1. Liverpool 1, Everton 0. Huddersfield 4, Wednesday 3. Manchester United 1, Cardiff 1. Sheffield 2, Newcastle 1. Sunderland 2, West Ham 3. West Bromwich 5, Tottenham 0.

Division II.

Blackpool 2, Portsmouth 0. Bradford City 0, Preston N. E. 1. Clapton Orient 2, Notts County 1. Fulham 1, Chelsea 2. Grimsby 2, Oldham 5. Middlesbrough 2, Wolverhampton 0. Notts Forest 3, Barnsley 1. Port Vale 0, Hull 0. Reading 4, Darlington 2. Southampton 6, South Shields 2. Swansea 1, Manchester City 3.

Division III (South).

Aberdeen 2, Gillingham 1. Burnarmouth 1, Coventry 2. Brentford 0, Bristol Rovers 2. Brighton 5, Exeter 2. Bristol City 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0. Charlton 1, Millwall 1. Luton 0, Southend 0. Newport 2, Watford 1. Northampton 1, Swindon 0. Norwich 4, Merthyr 0. Plymouth 7, Crystal Palace 1.

Division III (North).

Ashington 0, Stoke 2. Barrow 0, Lincoln 3. Chesterfield 5, Rotherham 2. Crewe 4, Accrington 0. Hartlepool 4, Durham 0. Nelson 1, Bradford 0. New Brighton 0, Doncaster 2. Southport 4, Rochdale 1. Stockport 2, Tranmere 1. Walsall 1, Halifax 1. Wrexham v. Walsall match not played.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Clyde 1, Dunfermline 1. Cowdenbath 0, St. Johnstone 1. Dundee 2, Hearts 1. Falkirk 2, Hearts 1. Hamilton 2, Aberdeen 0. Hibernian 2, Partick 2. Morton 0, Motherwell 3. Queen's Park 6, Dundee United 3. Kilmarnock 4, Airdrieonians 2. Rangers 4, St. Mirren 0.

SCOTTISH CUP.

2nd Round Replay.

Broxburn 2, Montrose 2. —Reuter.

The Moslems had more of the play and played with cohesion. T. Ali and Dullah were the marksmen, both finding the College Reserves' goal in the first half. This was the only match in section "B."

BOTH SIDES SHORT.

How the Chinese Beat Club de Recreo.

Both sides finished up short of men in yesterday's match on the H.K.F.C. ground in which the combined Chinese defeated Club de Recreo (senior league leaders) by 3 goals to 1. Teams—

Southern & Eastern China. goal: Pau Kaping (Athletic); backs: Lo Wai-man (Athletic), Lai Yut-tat (Athletic);

halves: Leung Yuk-tong (Shanghai), Wong Shui-wah (Athletic), Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic);

forwards: Tao Kwai-shing (Athletic), Suen Kam-shun (Athletic), Fung King-chung (South China), Li Wai-tong (Shanghai), C. W. Chen (Shanghai).

Club de Recreo. goal: Silva; backs: Ogley, P. Xavier; halves: C. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, H. Remedios;

forwards: D. Xavier, Fuentes, J. Silva, Rocha, Brown.

referee: Mr. Phillips.

Chapter of Injuries. Wong Shui-wah gave the Chinese the lead in the first half. Standing well up to a corner kick, the ball came to him and he lifted it over the heads of players on both sides.

C. F. Remedios and Ogley left the field injured but Ogley returned to play with a limp. D. Xavier dropped back to the middle line and Recreo played only four forwards in the second half.

Li Wai-tong had a heavy fall and was dazed for a while.

Tao Kwai-shing (after two warnings) "jumped" at the Recreo custodian (Silva) who was laid out and Tao Kwai-shing was ordered off the field—this occurring near the end.

Prior to this Rocha had headed in an equaliser for Recreo.

As the better team on the day, the Chinese scored twice again through Suen Kam-shun and C. W. Chen and deserved to win.

DRAW 3-ALL.

WALES v. ENGLAND AT SOCCER.

AN EXCITING TUGGLE.

London, Feb. 12. At Wrexham, before 15,000 spectators, in dull weather, England drew with Wales in the international football match, the score being 3-3.

It was a fast game and ended in an exciting tussle. A draw is a fair reflex of the play.

Dixie Dean, the Everton centre forward, netted for England, and the Welsh centre forward, Len Davies (of Cardiff City) equalised.

Each Side Leads in Turn. Walker, the Aston Villa inside left, with a grand shot gave England the lead (2-1), but Len Davies again equalised, netting from a penalty shot. At half time the score was two goals all.

Lewis, the Swansea inside right put Wales ahead after quarter of an hour's play but three minutes later Dean brought the scores level with a low shot. —Reuter.

ENGLAND WINS.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL v. IRELAND.

LOSERS LEAD TWICE.

London, Feb. 12. In dull and foggy weather at Twickenham, before 40,000 spectators, England beat Ireland by 8 points to 6 in the Rugby International.

The pace was tremendous throughout. Ireland attacked from the outset, the first scrum taking place in the English twenty-five.

The Irishmen continued to have the better of matters and after 20 minutes' play Stevenson scored a penalty goal.

English XV Improve. The Englishmen improved, but failed to score.

At half-time the score was Ireland 3 points, England nil.

After 13 minutes' play from the resumption, Lamb scored a try for England, Stannery converting.

The Irishmen pressed hard, Hugh McVicker scoring an unconverted try (giving Ireland the lead 6-5).

Ten minutes before the close, Gibbs scored an unconverted try for England, making the score—

England (1 goal, 1 try) 8 points; Ireland (1 penalty goal, 1 try) 6 points. —Reuter.

M.C.C. AT COLOMBO.

CEYLONESE ELEVEN MANAGE TO DRAW.

TWO CENTURIES MADE.

Calcutta, Feb. 2.

In a thrilling finish to a two day match between the M.C.C. and the Ceylonese at Colombo the home eleven succeeded in forcing a draw.

The Ceylonese batted first and made 155 runs. Astill took four wickets for 60.

The tourists scored 483 for eight and declared. Wyatt made 124, Tate 121, Brown 51 and Geary 61 not out. Wyatt and Tate established a record for a second wicket partnership.

In their second innings the Ceylonese made 190 for eight. Wyatt did the hat-trick.

DAVIS CUP.

TWO MORE ENTRIES FOR 1927.

New York, Feb. 12. The United States Lawn Tennis Association has received Davis Cup challenges from South Africa and Switzerland.

Both will play in the European eliminating zone. —Reuter's American Service.

BOXING.

IRON BUX'S CHALLENGE OF \$500 ASIDE.

"Iron" Bux, the well-known Hong Kong and Manila pugilist, has challenged Stoker Norman Morris of H.M.S. "Hermes" for the middle-weight boxing championship of the Colony and a side stake of \$500.

Morris won the title and the custody of Mr. R. M. Dyer's belt at the last H.K.B.A. tournament by knocking out his shipmate, Able Seaman Ewin, in four rounds.

The only fight he has lost here was when he was disqualified against Jim Cartledge.

Bux is a "Hong Kong boy." Years ago, he did very well as a bantam and featherweight and then went to Manila where increasing weight caused him to move up to the heavier classes.

The next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association is on March 5. Those wishing to take part are asked to notify the manager, Mr. J. Brook (c/o Vacuum Oil Co.) and send full particulars.

YACHT CLUB.

RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS DECIDED.

FINAL EVENT & POINTS.

On Saturday the 9th and last championship race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was sailed and the positions in the various classes are given below.

Kolla finished second in the Handicap Class, but fell back to fourth place on corrected time.

Her previous lead of points, however, was sufficient to ensure her of the championship in this division. Diana was first and this enabled her to tie in points for third place with Dorothea who finished fifth. A re-sail between these two will be necessary.

Colleen took second place on handicap and is second in the championship.

The Two Other Classes. Daphne was third in the One Design and Gael Class but is at the top of the table thanks to points gained in earlier races.

Alisa was first in the race and second for the season. Halcyon also beat Daphne, thereby becoming a good third in this class.

Although she took first place in the Heyward Hays Class, Boojum has to be contented with second in the championship. By getting second berth, Blue nose took sufficient points to become top in the table. Why Wonder? finished third and is also third for the season.

"Tai Yut" Cup. The first three in each division qualify for the "Tai Yut" Cup, so that Diana and Dorothea will have to sail off for third place in the Handicap Class.

Saturday's course (8.8 miles) was to Lyemun, Beacon (port), Cust Rock buoy (p), mark on Club line (p), Channel Rocks (p), finish at the Club line.

Tables follow. In each class the racing yachts are mentioned in actual order of crossing the line but the positions they gained in the race according to corrected time (i.e., on handicap) are mentioned in parenthesis.

Handicap Class. Finishing Corrected Time. Diana (1st) 4:59.12 4:19.14. Rolla (4th) 4:27.13 4:27.13. Colleen (2nd) 4:29.08 4:27.48. La Linda (3rd) 4:30.28 4:28.52. Dorothea (5th) 4:36.32 4:27.41. Argula II (6th) 4:41.31 4:31.15. Falcon did not start.

Gaels & One Designs. Alisa (1st) 4:45.06 4:45.06. Halcyon (2nd) 4:45.55 4:45.55. Daphne (3rd) 4:45.57 4:45.57. Joan (4th) 4:54.35 4:47.59. Thecla (5th) 5:01.07 4:50.07. Gael (6th) 5:06.44 5:00.08. Pierrette did not start.

Heyward Hays Class. Boojum (1st) 4:52.10 4:52.10. Blue nose (2nd) 4:53.38 4:53.38. Why Wonder? (3rd) 4:54.39 4:54.39. Adele (4th) 4:55.39 4:55.39. Adanac (5th) 4:56.52 4:56.52. Zephyr (6th) 5:01.57 5:01.57. Lola did not start. Sealark did not start.

Season's Points. The total of points gained in all nine championship races this season (for racing yachts) is as follows—

Handicap Class. Yacht Points. Rolla (1st) 52. Diana (2nd) 49. Dorothea (3rd) 44. La Linda 27. Falcon 10. Argula II 15. (tie, to re-sail).

Gaels & One Designs. Daphne (1st) 70. Alisa (2nd) 69. Halcyon (3rd) 68. Thecla 54. Joan 51. Gael 50. Pierrette 45.

Heyward Hays Class. Blue nose (1st) 73. Boojum (2nd) 72. Why Wonder? (3rd) 68. Adele 62. Zephyr 58. Adanac 35. Sealark 33.

Service Race. Thirteen boats competed on Saturday in the race for Service boats to Channel Rocks (port) and Cust Rock buoy (p). Lt. Enright won the 1st prize with a cutter from H.M.S. "Caradoc."

The 2nd prize was won by a cutter from H.M.S. "Titanis," sailed by Leading Seaman Player.

Cruisers' Race Off. Seven boats turned out yesterday in the 6th championship race for cruisers, the course being round Lamma Island.

The starters were La Cigale, U. and I. Coquette, Feathers, Norseman, Queen Bee, Lady Jean.

As the wind was much too light, none finished within the time limit and the race will have to be re-sailed.

Two cricket matches arranged for yesterday were both cancelled.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

KOWLOON AND I.R.C. 2ND ON TOP.

FIRST JUNIOR CENTURY.

There was a full programme of cricket matches on Saturday, including two very important fixtures, one in each division of the local league.

The chief attraction in the senior division was the encounter between Kowloon C.C. and Civil Service C.C., as both teams were in very close running for the championship, with Kowloon holding a slight advantage.

By winning, Kowloon have made their position fairly secure.

In the junior division, the two leading teams, Indian R.C. 2nd XI and Police R.C. fought it out at Sookumpoo and the Indians proved decisively to be the stronger.

W. Hyde of Kowloon, has the honour of being the first junior division batsman to score a century in League cricket this season.

League tables show the four leading teams in division I and all of the clubs in division II.

Division I.

P. W. D. L. Pts. Kowloon 8 5 1 0 16. Civil Service 8 4 3 1 15. Royal Navy 7 4 1 1 13. Indian R.C. 5 3 1 1 10.

Division II.

P. W. D. L. Pts. I.R.C. 2nd 8 6 1 1 19. Varsity 8 5 1 2 16. Police 8 4 3 1 15. Recreo 7 4 1 1 13. K.C.C. 2nd 7 3 1 3 10. R.A.O.C. 7 3 0 4 9. Navy 2nd 8 3 0 5 9. "Tamar" 9 3 0 6 9. C.S.C. 2nd 9 2 0 4 6. H.K.C.C. 2nd 6 1 0 5 3.

League I.

KOWLOON v. C.S.C.C.

Civil Service C.C. collapsed in the latter half of their innings on the Kowloon C.C. ground and lost to the K.C.C. by 4 wickets. Scores—

Civil Service C.C. F. J. de Rome, b. Ross 12. G. R. Sayer, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Ross 4. P. E. Lawrence, c. J. J. Ross 2. E. C. Fincher, c. J. J. Ross 4. D. E. Wood, b. Goodwin 14. D. Evans, b. Goodwin 15. R. C. Wicheil, not out 1. F. J. Ling, c. Lya, b. Guest 7. E. W. Hamilton, c. J. J. Ross 0. R. S. W. Patterson, c. Lya, b. Goodwin 0. P. H. Holdman, b. Goodwin 0. Extras 13.

Total 132. Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W. Goodwin 14 4 5 29 5. Lya 13 5 25 0. Ross 13 5 22 0. Guest 4 1 14 1.

Kowloon C.C. W. Brace, c. Sayer, b. Wicheil 27. E. C. Lya, b. Hamilton 35. E. F. Fincher, c. Evans, b. Hamilton 15. A. W. Ramsay, b. Evans 3. F. Goodwin, b. Hamilton 13. S. J. J. Evans 1. K. R. Macneil, not out 2. W. Guest, not out 23. Extras 18.

Total (for 8 wks.) 142. H. D. Buxton, H. H. Brown, N. H. Ross did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. O. M. R. W. Ling 10 4 12 0. Sayer 4 1 13 0. Wicheil 3 0 15 1. Hamilton 11 0 87 3. Evans 9 1 42 2.

C.C.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

Visiting Craigsgower C.C. the Royal Navy had an easy victory by 8 wickets. Scores—

Craigsgower C.C. U. M. Omar, c. Shaw, b. Beatty 38. O. Lamall, b. Beatty 26. A. B. Hammon, b. Beatty 10. T. Grimes, b. Beatty 10. S. Abbas, c. Newall, b. Sturges 6. D. Rumpjahn, c. Sturges, b. Beatty 5. H. P. Lim, b. Shaw 13. A. Ritchell, c. Garsons-Williams, b. Emley 6. J. W. Leonard, b. W. Shaw 6. Y. Abbas, not out 2. W. E. Murkitt, b. Beatty 0. W. E. Extras 16.

Total 136. Bowling Analysis. O. M. R. W. Beatty 12 4 25 6. Sturges 9 0 50 1. Emley 5 0 25 1. Shaw 5 1 11 2.

Royal Navy. Lt. Agnew, c. Leonard, b. Omar 79. Lt. Sparks, c. Rumpjahn, b. S. Abbas 18. Lt. Robertson, b. Ritchell 15. Flight Lt. Brewerton, c. Rumpjahn, b. S. Abbas 3.

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FANLING GOLF. CAPTAIN'S CUP FINAL DECIDED.

In the final of the 1926 Captain's Cup of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, I. W. Shewan (handicap 1) yesterday beat J. S. McLaren (handicap 12) by 8 holes up and 2 to play.

The match was played on the Fanling old course.

Each month there is a qualifying tournament, after which the respective winners compete in a match play in an eliminating competition.

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At this particular season of the year coats take on new interest—this, for two good reasons. The mode is stabilised, and it is the time of substantial reductions in price. The woman who loves soft, fine fabrics and rich furs will make last winter's coat "do" until she may secure the type of coat she covets at the price she can afford to pay, for early season prices on garments as luxurious as coats have come to be are not low by any means.

Daytime coats are divided into three groups—informal, sports and afternoon, and the one that comes nearest to the one time familiar little affair of single lines that goes shopping the morning and remains in town for the afternoon, confident that its smartness will carry it through. It is serviceable in its type and possesses a simple mien, but it inclines to richness of fabric and indulges in touches of rich fur.

It will not be mistaken for the real afternoon coat, that does unusual things with both fabric and fur, for there is true discretion in its use of fashion's pelties, and individuality is given its unerring simplicity by trimmings that are in keeping with that simplicity. It does not suggest lavish elegance, but smartness, and its grace is a matter of line rather than trimming. More women can afford this coat than any other.

On one side of the informal coat stands the sports coat, on the other the garment of elegance that presents diverse forms to the fashion world. The former makes use of the colourful tweeds and home-spuns that show modernistic designs and soft, warm colours. There are tapestry cloths, as well, and any number of novelty wools. These coats are conservatively or generously furred, as the case may be; one's choice may include a range from the model with only a small fur collar to the one that is collared, cuffed and lined with fur.

With a suddenness that was most astonishing the fur-lined sports coat achieved popularity. It became the choice of the fashionables, for motor and steamer wear, and

no winter sports wardrobe is complete without one sports coat that flaunts a fur lining which may be worn outside with the cloth for a lining, if one wishes. These coats are impervious to the cold, and while it may seem impossible, at first glance, they are no more bulky than the average cold-repelling garment.

Such a coat is pictured. The cloth side is a rich pile fabric that goes well with the fur, which in this instance forms the collar. Some of these coats do not have a fur collar on the cloth side, preferring to be all of one thing or the other. Some of the effective combinations are Hudson seal with leather—especially lovely when the latter is a rich green; imported tweed with susliki fur; a beautifully mottled calfskin with corded woolen—again green is beautiful with the calfskin, and plaided wool with pony.

On the other hand, it is the afternoon coat that best expresses the outer mode of elegance. Imported fabrics, carefully selected furs, and rich, glowing colours enter into a combination that proves both smart and distinctive. It is sometimes a puzzle to determine which of the two fabrics—fur or cloth—prevails, since both are used for the same purpose, the choice left to the designer.

Sufficiently important to deserve special attention is the black coat of dull broadcloth, or soft kasha fabrics. These materials are com-

bined with flat, sleek, black furs of great suppleness, or are enriched with brown or gray-toned pelts. Paris, the originator, prefers black fur on the black coat which, in some form, is appropriate for all day-time occasions. It makes a welcome contrast to the colourful coats that are everywhere seen.

There are a very great many coats in the preferred shades of the two colours most often seen this season—red and green. There are three furs that seem naturally to belong to these tones—natural badger, leopard and lynx. On the newer shades known as ash, beige, heaver, nutria and red fox appear the fur applied in unusual irregular treatments. There is true beauty in the collar of fox that is made up of entire skins that reach, sometimes, to the hem of the coat—the large woman must not wear this type of thing.

Some of the style features incorporated into these afternoon coats are extremely picturesque, more especially the blouse back and the deep-set sleeves. The coat mode is, in general, a youthful one, although there is a vast difference in the effect of both materials and furs. The tawny tones that light so many of the most fashionable skins make a world of difference in the age of the wearer. Flat fur is better for the large woman, the long-haired furs are more youthful, but they may not be worn so well by the woman who is short of neck and heavy of shoulder.

The model of an afternoon coat shown is a most intriguing one. It adopts the wide sleeve with no sacrifice of warmth, for it places a tight, tailored sleeve beneath the wide one. Wide bands of fur edge the outer sleeve and a brilliantly colourful lining affords colour relief. The collar is the popular close-fitting one and decorative pockets of fur are a further concession to fashion's flair for luxury. There may be other silhouettes, but no one as completely fascinating as the one that is straight and slim.

BOBBED HAIR TO-STAY.

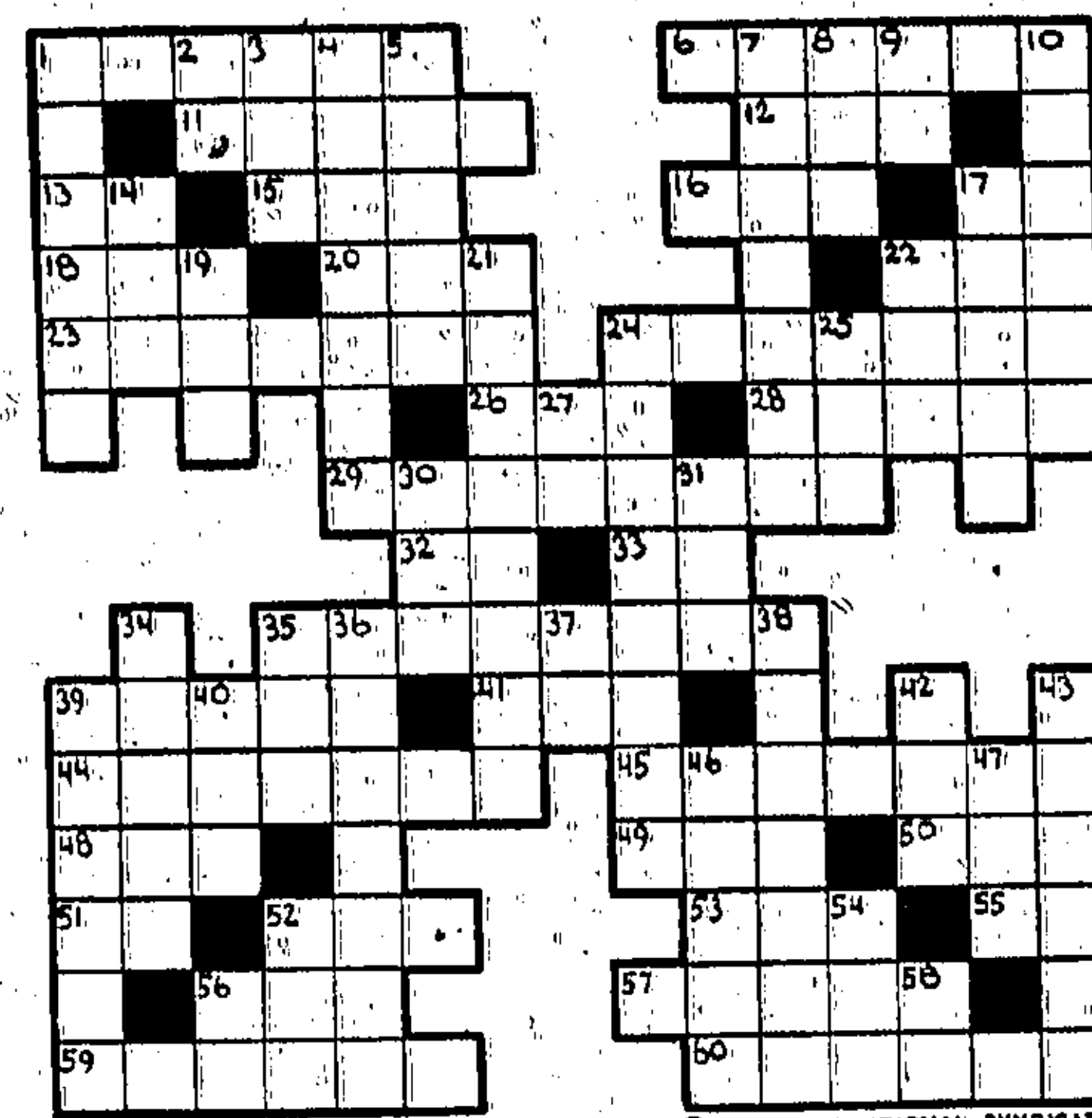
Women Demand Elegance And Simplicity.

Paris, Dec. 28.
"Simplicity will be the keynote in women's hairdressing for the coming year," said M. Antoine, the Paris hairdresser, to-day.

"Women of to-day are far too practical and sensible to affect elaborate coiffures, and for that reason I predict that we will see no extravagances in 1927. There can be no generalisation in regard to the coming hairdressing modes,

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-King of the Huns (433 A. D.)
- 6-Salted sturgeon-roe
- 11-Frugal, as a boat
- 12-To obtain
- 13-Epistle (abbr.)
- 15-Ending of comparative adjectives
- 16-Case of wood
- 17-Exile
- 18-French for "born"
- 20-A Scotch cap
- 22-Gone by
- 23-Ancient name of Wales
- 24-An airman
- 26-To find fault
- 28-A city, N. Italy
- 29-Rendored sad
- 32-Behold
- 33-Run (abbr.)
- 35-To hammer
- 39-To fill with horror
- 41-Suffix denoting an agent
- 44-One who drives a drey
- 45-Not varying
- 48-French for "wine"

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Combining form "one"
- 50-A young dog
- 51-Prefix. Same as "in"
- 52-Conjunction
- 53-Half a score
- 55-A college degree (abbr.)
- 56-Man's name
- 57-Parting to punishment
- 59-To obliterate
- 60-Golf term

VERTICAL

- 1-Active power or operation
- 2-"Till" said (abbr.)
- 3-Frozen water
- 4-Chandeliers
- 5-Mountain range bet. Siberia and Mongolia
- 7-To torture
- 8-To irritate
- 9-Pronoun
- 10-A fish which attaches itself to sharks
- 14-A vegetable

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Age (poet.)
- 19-A town, S. W. Prussia
- 21-A stringed musical instrument
- 22-Corroded
- 24-A genus of American herbs
- 25-Assistance
- 27-Prefix. To
- 30-Everything
- 31-An eccentric person (slang)
- 34-One of the months
- 35-One of the months
- 36-A yearly calendar
- 37-Prefix. Form of "ex"
- 38-Distinguished
- 39-To counsel
- 40-A sylvan deity
- 42-A dandy
- 43-To transfix
- 44-Short letters
- 47-An alcoholic liquor
- 52-A constellation
- 54-No
- 55-Conjunction
- 58-Long meter (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

as each head should be dressed according to the type of woman. "It can be safely said, however, that unless we see some cataclysm in the world long hair is destined to become less and less popular."

"This woman is affecting a style which will suit her both at night and for her golf, tennis, or riding during the day and not, as in the days gone by, applicable only to the gorgeous affairs of the evening."

"Short hair, if well trimmed, may be unwavering during the day, but for the evening elegance and distinction are added if it is waved."

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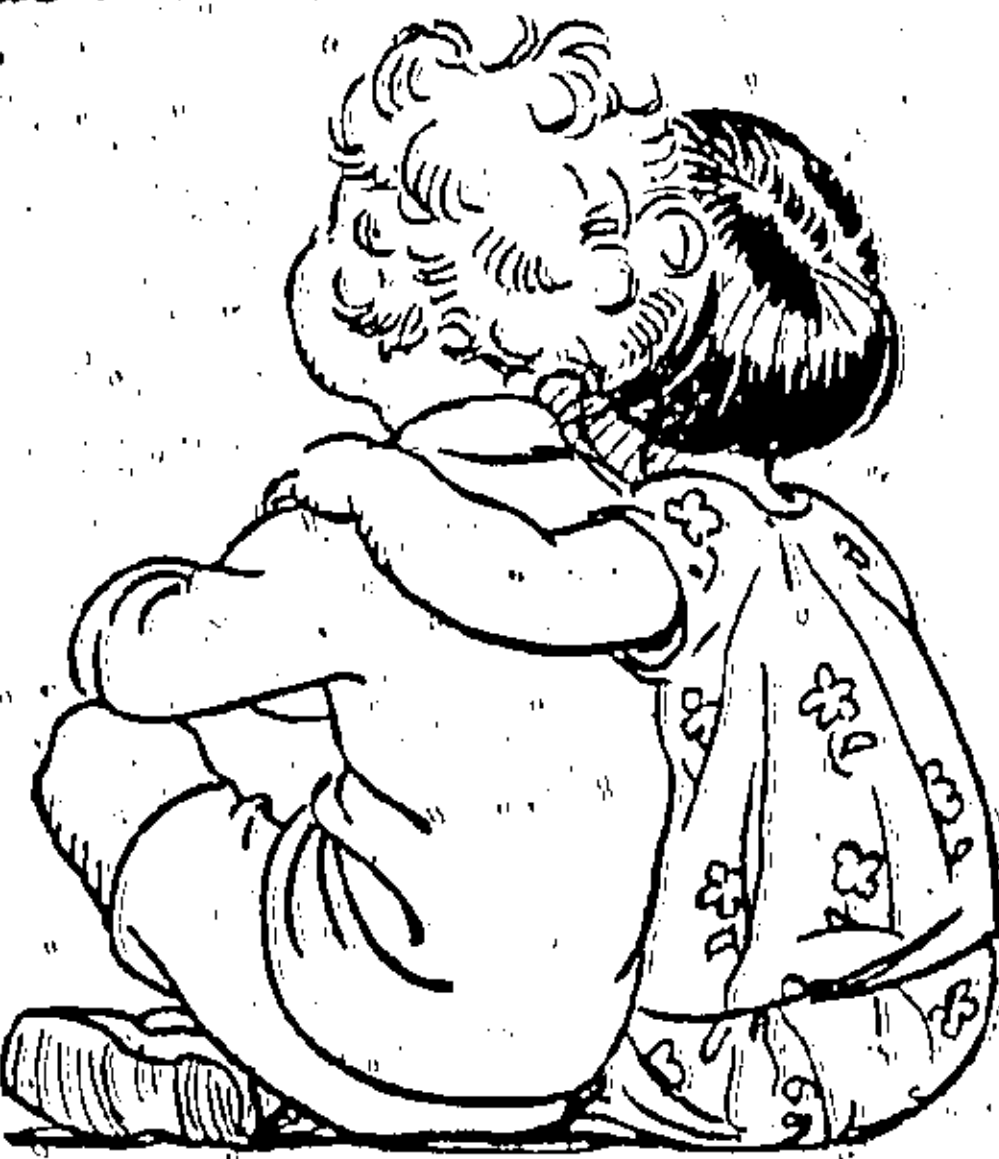
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CRICKET LEAGUE.

(Continued from Page 9.)

Lt. Sturges, c. Rumjahn, b. Abbas 7
Rev. Vonn, not out 16
Extras 5

Total (for 5 wks.) 148
Lt. Comdr. Sturges, c. Rumjahn, b. Abbas 7
Garnons-Williams, F.O. Newall, Lt. Comdr. Beatty did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Omar	11	0	35	1
Hanson	8	0	34	0
S. Abbas	9.5	1	49	3
Musket	4	1	13	0
Kitchell	2	0	9	1

League II.

R.C. 2ND v. POLICE.

On their own ground, the Indian R.C. 2nd XI defeated Police R.C. by 47 runs. Scores:—

Indian R.C. 2nd XI.

M. P. Madar, c. Condon, b. Alexander 22
I. Hassan, b. Lacey 22
S. A. R. Ismail, c. Booker, b. King 25
S. S. Adcock, c. Lacey, b. Madar 41
A. S. Saffad, c. Randie, b. Alexander 29
H. D. Rumjahn, c. Alexander, b. Lacey 12
A. R. Minu, b. Alexander 12
Sirdar Khan, c. Randie, b. Lacey 0
A. K. Minu, not out 13
Extras 13

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 138

A. Rahmin, V. T. Mans did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lacey	19.4	5	80	4
Alexander	17	1	84	3
King	5	1	26	1

Police R.C.

W. E. Meadows, c. S. A. R. Ismail, b. Sirdar Khan 21

P. E. Booker, c. A. R. Minu, b. Mans 20

W. Sparrow, c. A. R. Minu, b. Madar 20

C. F. Alexander, c. S. A. R. Ismail, b. A. R. Minu 46

T. H. King, c. S. A. R. Ismail, b. Madar 0

Dr. Craig, lb.w., b. A. R. Minu 17

R. Gerrard, b. Sirdar Khan 20

A. E. Lacey, c. Sirdar Khan, b. A. R. Minu 0

S. Randie, c. A. K. Minu, b. A. R. Minu 2

E. H. Dyer, c. Sirdar Khan, b. A. R. Minu 4

P. Condon, not out 0

Extras 2

Total 130

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mans	5	1	15	1
Saffad	4	1	11	0
Sirdar Khan	4	0	22	2
Adcock	2	0	15	0
H. D. Rumjahn	2	0	11	0
Madar	2	0	24	0
A. R. Minu	5	0	32	5

H.K.C.C. 2ND v. "TAMAR"

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI (on their own ground) secured their first league victory of the season at the expense of H.M.S. "Tamar."

Scores:—

H.M.S. "Tamar."

C.P.O. Beasley, st. Wooding, b. Wales 32

Lt. Oliver, run out 14

L.S.A. King, b. Summers 13

Fray Condr. Coomber, run out 14

Lt. Comdr. Stanhan, b. Summers 11

E.R.A. Reakes, b. Wales 4

Lt. Smith, not out 4

S.A. Murphy, c. Standage, b. Wales 5

Lt. Taylor, b. Wales 0

L.S.B.A. Swift, b. Summers 0

L.W. Reading, b. Wales 0

Extras 9

Total 101

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wales	12.3	3	22	5
Summers	13	5	34	8
Lee	5	1	8	0
Burgess	2	0	16	0
Crawford	4	1	12	0

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

P. Jacks, b. Swift 11

H. C. Burgess, b. Swift 13

P. E. C. Nicholas, b. Swift 39

F. T. Orr, b. Swift 2

H. E. Standage, b. Swift 50

H. J. Stevenson, c. Murphy, b. Swift 23

J. D. Crawford, c. Reading, b. Swift 18

J. A. Summers, not out 19

C. D. Wales, st. Stanhan, b. Coomber 19

W. Wooding, c. Stanhan, b. Swift 1

R. W. Lee, not out 8

Extras 6

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 189

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Beasley	9	0	48	0
Swift	22	4	66	8
King	4	0	16	0
Reakes	4	0	16	0
Coomber	6	0	38	1

C.S.C.C. 2ND v. K.C.C. 2ND.

At Happy Valley, Civil Service 2nd XI lost to Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI by 77 runs. Scores:—

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.

G. Lee, c. b. Westlake 7

L. A. R. Duncan, b. Gorvin 29

A. R. F. Raven, b. Westlake 0

W. Hyde, b. Sara 115

F. E. Hancock, b. Gorvin 0

C. T. Evans, c. Gorvin, b. Sutherland 0

B. Petheram, c. Davies, b. Westlake 37

S. B. Spillet, not out 1

E. B. Morton, b. Westlake 5

D. S. Green, not out 1

Extras 2

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 202

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Westlake	9	0	58	4
Sara	6	0	27	1
Grimmett	4	0	34	0
Hallam	2	0	16	0
Nihill	3	1	20	0
Gorvin	3	0	19	2
Sutherland	3	0	22	1

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

H. F. Harper, c. Hancock, b. Duncan 0

A. R. Sutherland, b. Duncan 2

A. W. Grimmett, b. Duncan 0

H. E. Strange, c. Raven, b. Duncan 6

R. E. Davies, b. Hancock 0

J. H. B. Nihill, b. Hancock 2

H. F. Westlake, b. Petheram 31

NAVY 2ND v. VARSITY 2ND.

Royal Navy 2nd XI (the home team) defeated Varsity 2nd XI by 32 runs. Scores:—

Royal Navy 2nd XI.

Capt. Colebridge, c. Baker, b. Lee 23

Surg. Comdr. Haynes, b. Lee 25

Lt. Duncan, c. Korman, b. Hiptoola 1

Mid. Johnson, b. Hiptoola 1

Lt. Palairot, c. Korman, b. Ong 29

Lt. Woodhouse, b. Sudan 4

Mid. Atkinson, b. Ong 5

Sub-Lt. Fonten, c. b. Sudan 2

Lt. Comdr. Tighe, not out 2

Sub-Lt. Sowman, not out 6

Extras 37

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 137

Lt. Conway did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sudan	9	2	34	2
Suliman	4	1	12	0
Lee	13	2	32	2
Hiptoola	9	3	32	2
Ong	4	0	10	2

Varsity 2nd XI.

K. T. Luke, c. Fonten, b. Colebridge 14

S. Korman, b. Colebridge 4

E. A. Lee, b. Colebridge 12

C. K. Ong, b. Tighe 12

A. B. Suliman, b. Atkinson 0

A. Baker, b. Atkinson 38

F. Hiptoola, c. Duncan, b. Palairot 5

P. N. Sudan, not out 6

T. Palmer, c. Fonten, b. Palairot 0

H. T. M. Barma, b. Atkinson 2

C. H. Yeoh, b. Atkinson 0

Extras 14

Total 105

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Colebridge	13	2	40	3
Atkinson	14	6	22	4
Tighe	4	1	8	1
Palairot	7	2	21	2

Friendly Matches.

UNIVERSITY v. H.K.C.C.

At Pokfulam, the University lost to the Hong Kong C.C. by 9 wickets.

The Varsity score of 130 runs was passed in 75 minutes—at one time the Club batsmen, Parker (100) not out) and Owen Hughes (88), getting 3 runs a minute. The 218 runs were made in less than 90 minutes! Scores:—

University.

S. V. Gittins, b. Vickers 9

W. Hong Shing, b. Evers 8

W. M. Gittins, c. Vallack, b. Parker 18

E. Zimmern, b. Vallack 18

F. Zimmern, c. Owen Hughes, b. Parker 27

Walker 27

Extras 27

Total 131

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lake	17	8	25	5
Waterfield	3	0	16	0
Walker	13.1	2	42	4

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"ANTENOR" 8th April. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"DEUCALION" 20th Feb. London, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"PHILOCTETES" 22nd Mar. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"NINCHOW" 16th Apr. London, Havre and Liverpool

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"PROTEUS" 20th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle
"TALITHA" 10th Mar. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

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"FELIX" 25th Feb. New York, Boston & Baltimore
"ANTENOR" 25th Mar. New York, Boston & Baltimore

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
Shanghai	14	Ichang.
Shanghai	15	Chenau.
Manila	15	Pres. McKinley
Japan & Shanghai	15	Sphinx.
Saigon	17	Fogthos.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	18	President Wilson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	18	Hosang.
Straits	18	Tango Maru.
Australia & Manila	19	Monigolia.
Europe via Suez, (Letters & parcels 13th Jan.)	19	Monigolia.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	20	Pres. Jefferson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	20	Shinyo Maru.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	21	Kamo Maru.
Straits	21	Kamo Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Samahai and Wuchow	14	Taiming
Hoihow and Pakhoi	14	Jade
Bangkok	14	Kalgan
Manila	14	President Monroe
Saigon	14	Chengtu
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 18th Feb. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (16th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	14	Changto.
Haiphong	15	Borneo
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	15	Hellkow
Amoy	15	Hai Hong
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th March. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	15	Tilmannock
Wei Hai Wei	15	Sphinx.
Amoy	15	Hupei
Swatow	15	Lai Sang
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16		
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Sui Saag.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

DISARMAMENT.

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but official circles state that France is ready to associate herself with any plans for disarmament and maintenance of peace.

It is emphasized that as the Preparatory Disarmament Committee is about to reach practical decisions, it would be illogical to ignore it now. Furthermore, Mr. Coolidge's proposals bind only France and Italy in Europe, while Spain, Greece, Turkey and Russia are outside their scope for there is no guarantee that these powers will adhere to the convention. Also, as the proposals deal exclusively with naval armament, they are contrary to the principle constantly upheld by France in the Preparatory Commission, to discuss simultaneously the question of naval, air and economic forces.

The Geneva Conference.

Washington, Feb. 12. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has approved the Bill authorising an appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars, requested by Mr. Coolidge, for further participation of the United States in the Geneva Arms Conference.

The Committee discussed the advisability of recommending that the limitation of cruisers, destroyers and submarines should be placed on the agenda of the Conference, but took no action.—Reuter's American Service.

Smaller Navies First.

Washington, Feb. 12. A spokesman for the White House declares that President Coolidge has every expectation that the Powers will favourably consider his disarmament suggestion. It is stated that the President thinks the proposals will prove acceptable owing to their reasonableness and the fact that the Powers have already accepted the formula suggested.

Admitting the Powers at the preparatory conference stumbled over the question of what branch of armaments should first be taken up, President Coolidge feels that this is no objection to his proposals, which, by suggesting that "navies" should be proceeded with, may provide a way of escape.

Breakers Ahead.

Rugby, Feb. 12. In the Press, as in official circles, President Coolidge's proposals for agreement further to limit naval armaments are welcomed in principle. The newspapers in their comments, however, deal with some of the difficulties which the matter presents.

The special correspondent of the "Daily News" points out that the proposals would involve (1) Separating naval from military and air disarmament. (2) Separating the five Washington Powers from the rest of the world even in the sphere of naval armaments. (3) Forestalling the coming Disarmament Conference and abandoning completely the scheme of dealing with the armament problem as a whole.

There are bound, moreover, says the correspondent, to be "serious difficulties about applying the ratio of 5-5-3 to cruisers, destroyers and submarines. Those figures have proved to represent the actual relationship not of whole fleets but of the capital ships of Britain, America and Japan on November 12, 1921. They did not, and do not, represent, or come near representing, relationship in cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Britain's Sure Shield.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a leading article, says Britain has associated herself throughout with the general principles which the American Government, to its honour, has been advocating. But assent to such a proposal by an insular people always in danger of aerial attack represents no small sacrifice. The navy is the defence of the inviolability of our shores against foreign armies, and without it we should be helpless. It is apparent also that naval problems concern not only us, but also the populations of our Dominions.

They were represented at the Washington Conference, and any action which this country may take in regard to further discussions must be still harmonised with them, as was the case at Washington six years ago. The "Daily Telegraph" thinks that what the ratio for each type of auxiliary vessel should be would be obviously a matter for discussion in the knowledge of each Power's peculiar situation. It considers that there are advantages in continuing the discussions, at least in the initial stage, to countries represented at Washington in 1920.

"CHICKENS."

POULTRY OR A BRAND OF OPIUM?

UNUSUAL COURT CASE.

The case was resumed at the Central Magistracy this morning in which a Chinese man and his wife are charged with the illegal possession of 24 tucks of raw and 29 tucks of prepared opium.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, defending the man, said that the woman had pleaded "guilty" and had taken full responsibility for the possession of the opium in her house. Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said that he was not prepared to accept that as a plea for the acquittal of the man.

Mr. Lindsell: Very well. I will hear evidence.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt said that at 8.30 a.m. on February 9 he went to No. 7 St. Francis' Yard, where the two defendants lived. Underneath a tile in the floor, he found the opium which formed the subject of the charge. Witness also found a number of account books and photographs of the two accused.

Locking up a Wife.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, witness said that the woman did not say that her husband's name was Hop Lee. She had said frankly that the 1st defendant was her husband.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd produced a number of account books which he proceeded to translate.

Mr. Russ: I don't know how far this is evidence. We are not charged with conspiracy.

Mr. Lindsell: A husband and wife cannot conspire.

Mr. Lloyd said that he thought he had evidence to show that the man was dealing in opium.

Mr. Lindsell: The point is, how far can you connect the first defendant with "possessing this opium." The fact that his wife had it does not necessarily mean that he had it. I cannot take evidence of duress.

Mr. Russ: You cannot lock up your wife nowadays.

His Worship: Quite.

\$2.40 a Chicken.

Mr. Lloyd went on to say that one of the books showed that the man had a \$600 interest in a firm at Sai Ying. His firm purposed to deal in cattle, but the other books contained characters which could not apply to cattle, but could easily refer to opium. Some entries referred to chickens at \$2.40 each, which, on account of the price, witness thought referred to "Chicken Brand" opium.

Mr. Russ: I submit that there is no definite evidence for the conviction of the 1st defendant. The 2nd defendant has admitted possessing the opium. The prosecution put in a number of books which may or may not be connected with sinister traffic, but that cannot convict the man for possessing this opium.

Mr. Lindsell: I see your point. Mr. Russ: Yes. You may have a very strong opinion as to what actually was being carried on by the man, but that cannot convict him for possessing this opium. Mr. Lindsell eventually decided that he would consider the matter, reserving his decision until noon on Wednesday.

SMALL GIRL ROBBED.

The mother of a girl aged nine has reported to the Police that when her daughter was on a staircase two men caught hold of her and snatched her gold bangles from her wrist.

Police inquiries resulted in the discovery of the stolen bangles in a Wanchai pawnbroker's establishment. No arrest, however, has been made.

1921—British Wireless Service.

Criticism in France.

Paris, Feb. 12. M. Paul Boncour, French representative at the League of Nations, interviewed regarding President Coolidge's disarmament Memorandum, said the discussion proposed by President Coolidge would overlap the work of the preparatory commission at present dealing with the problem.

Therefore he was unable to agree with President Coolidge. He added, moreover, that the work of the League Commission was progressing well and should serve as a basis for the disarmament conference to be held in 1927, at the latest in 1928.

Press comments to-day criticise the Memorandum mainly on these lines.—Reuter.

"BY APRIL 1."

NORTHERNERS' THREAT TO HANKOW.

RATHER BIG PROMISES.

Quoted in a cable to a local vernacular paper, a high official of the Ankuechun (Marshal Chang Tso-lin's "Fengtien" party) declares when the Northerners will soon have defeated the Cantonese.

Reuter has already reported the fact of the Fengtien troops advancing into Hupeh province, to the North of the Yangtze.

This official's rather big promises are:—

In 3 weeks: organise Hupeh. In 3 weeks: reach Hankow and Wuchang.

By April 1: the rule of An Kuo (National Preservation) Party will be effective.

By July 1: the capture of all territory along the Yangtze River.

There are signs at last that the Northerners are moving out of their stronghold and coming to close grips with the Southerners. It should be noted that the friction so far has only been with the Wu Pei-fu's troops who are reluctant to let the Fengtienites take over their territory.

"HANOI" PIRACY CHARGE.

The "Hanoi" piracy case was again mentioned at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Chief Det. Insp. T. Murphy informed Mr. Lindsell that the vessel was not in port and that Mr. Vaux, defending, was agreeable to proceed with the case this afternoon if convenient to the Bench.

Mr. Lindsell said that it was quite impossible for him to hear the case to-day. In the circumstances it would have to stand over until the vessel was again in port. A formal remand of one week was accordingly ordered.

INGRATE JAILED.

A Chinese recently arrived in the Colony was given food and shelter by an acquaintance living at 221 Queen's Road. By way of expressing his gratitude the man absconded with a quantity of clothing, the property of his benefactor. His arrest led to his conviction at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. Schofield sent him to jail for three months.

Mr. Robert Williamson, late Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of India left £345,452.

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